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THE  
ADVENTURES  
OF  
FERRY BUCK.

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— *Quid rides ? mutato nomine de te  
Fabula narratur.*

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*Each high and mighty  
Blood, Jolly Fellow,  
egregious Buck, choice  
Spirit, exquisite Genius,  
or by whatever noble and  
significant Appellation  
ye are distinguished.*

*Honourable Sirs,*

**T**HE great and com-  
mendable singula-  
rity which ye so  
eminently display through  
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the whole tenour of your  
deserving and magnani-  
mous actions, claims the  
warmest panegyrick that  
the pen of the most sub-  
lime genius can possibly  
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fore assured of my incapa-  
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speak of that just and em-  
phatical ratiocination, which  
ye so learnedly deliver in  
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all occasional debates, where in your arguments are given with that prevalent perspicuity, as render them the most uncontrovertible by your opponents ; but ye not only are distinguished for your literary abilities, but attract the observation of every one likewise for your couragious engagements ; how many nervous and robust watchmen have felt the resentment of your vindictive arm? Have they not mea-

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fured their length breath-  
less on the ground, when  
they have attempted to  
impede your honourable  
proceedings, and by that  
means have deservedly ex-  
perienced the effects of  
your exalted prowess ?  
your rare and wonderful  
genius is not like the dull  
and phlegmatick inclina-  
tions of many, confined to  
one single pursuit, but like  
the sun you display your  
radiancy in ten thousand  
different respects, which  
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are all deduced from that great and inimitable center, yourselves : Ye are the true and only representatives of a rational creature, and nature has most undoubtedly deprived the rest of mankind of their intellectual faculties, for your great advantage and improvement ; but I am afraid to say more, well knowing that the delicateness of your modesty will be offended at the recital of your perfections, and shall

therefore humbly desist, by  
 offering to your powerful  
 and illustrious : protection  
 the subsequent adventures  
 of the celebrated Mr. Buck,  
 and am with all due sub-  
 mission and respect,

Honourable Sirs,

Your most obedient

And humble servant,

JOHN SLADE.



## P R E F A C E.

**A**S there are some very uncommon descriptions contained in these adventures, we think it very necessary to offer a few words by way of preface, that our readers may not be surprized, when they come to examine into the different passages of this work, for the compiling of which many practices in life have very abundantly furnished us with design.

We have not, like many biographers, attempted to entertain the publick by the narration of any romantick and marvellous adventures, neither have we endeavoured to form our literary building by the recital of any long and tedious love-story, wherein the reader is oftentimes so greatly overpowered by the repetition of many gentle and sopiferous expressions, that he becomes so inactively amused, as to consign himself to sleep: But lest any one should imagine that we have excluded the fair sex from making their appearance in these adventures, we beg leave to acquaint them, that we have introduced some characters of that lovely species, tho' divided into two classes distinctly opposite; and that we might not deviate from the natural practice of the world, (as it is  
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our greatest ambition to describe real life) we have in a few chapters celebrated the amours of a very worthy young lady, with more expreffive fignificancy, that we imagine any amorous adventures can be related, if they are (as is very commonly the case) extended to many volumes; which practice indeed seems calculated for no other intent, than to extract by a most dextrous and alluring method no small lucre from that very amorous part of the world, who willingly apply themselves to the reading of any trifling amour, tho' continued to a great number of volumes, notwithstanding the same lovely and delicious expressions are by the author so frequently repeated.

As we have confined our descriptions within the bounds of truth, we  
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are not afraid of any low and grovelling animadversions, which many mongrels in criticism may think proper to produce. As to such Pseudo-criticks we consider them unworthy of an answer; and we believe that we shall not merit the disapprobation of the real and judicious critick, as we have not launched out into any improbable representation, but have delineated our characters with the strictest justice and propriety.

It is not from a motive of acquiring either honour or profit, that we publish these adventures, but from the great duty which we owe to the deserts of those very exquisite gentlemen the Bloods, whose glorious actions do most undoubtedly merit the attention of the publick; we have therefore attempted to relate their excellent pursuits,

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suits, and which we have endeavoured likewise to illustrate, by introducing some characters of that beautiful and very fertile family the Dappers, who are so eminently distinguished from the Bloods in their soft and delicate proceedings.

The squeamish reader will find some few adventures in this our composition, which he may consider perhaps by no means proper for the inspection of the publick, as being treated with too great and unlimited a freedom; but we would desire him to consider, that as we are relating the behaviour of the most extravagant genius's, it is natural to expect a just description of their very singular adventures, provided we exceed not the bounds of modesty, which we have inviolably maintained, notwithstanding

standing the proceedings of our hero's have sometimes reduced us to a very dangerous situation.

As we would not willingly be accused of calumny and detraction, so we would desire our readers to believe that the character of no single person living is couched under any fictitious name in the following sheets; it is our intent to describe only the general practices of life, without interfering with the behaviour of any individual in particular; but if any one should, from a conscious suggestion, consider the proceedings we have mentioned as applicable to himself, he is obliged to his own private construction for the compliment, since he may be certainly assured it never was so designed him by the author of these adventures.

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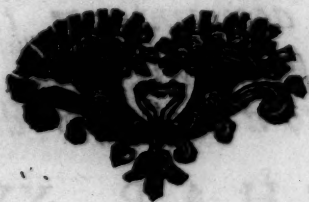
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# ADVENTURES OF JERRY BUCK.

## CHAP. I.

*Our young adventurer is committed to the instruction of the Revd. Dr. Tickle-text, who exhibits very evident signs of great festivity on the death of his wife.*

**A**T a village near the city of Wells was born the principal hero of the subsequent memoirs, who being an orphan at three years old was left to the care of his uncle, under whose charge, by his father's peculiar desire, the management of his education was directed: His guardian not intending to embrace the conjugal state adopted him as his son, anticipating great pleasure that he might in future re-

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ceive from his behaviour, as he proposed educating him in every branch of polite learning, that might appear advantageous to his interest.

Our young adventurer was possessed of such rare accomplishments as justly entitled him to an universal respect: no one was ever more artful, or so cunningly behaved in their juvenile years; and with such agreeableness of disposition was he endued, that each part of his behaviour discover'd a most uncommon share of vivacity and good nature; his uncle was greatly pleased with the presage of such rare endowments, and doubted not in the least but his nephew wou'd one day fully answer his expectation; on such motives he continually endeavoured at his improvement, and on his advancement to his eighth year, placed him at a private school under the tuition of the Revd. Dr. Tickletext a neighbouring clergyman, recommending him to his master as one of a most quick and lively apprehension, and after the usual method intimated, that as his mind was now susceptible of any impression, he hoped he would be particularly careful of his nephew, lest he should imbibe any principles, that in future might be found detrimental to his welfare.

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Mr. Positive having thus laid his injunctions on the divine, left Jerry to his care, who was greatly rejoiced at the change of his condition, the pleasure he hoped to receive from the company of his school-fellows, together with the novelty of his present state so different from his former, gave him very agreeable ideas ; his master was a man who was not destitute of good natural parts, which he had greatly improved by an application to study, but on some particular occasions was so devoted to drinking, that his behaviour at those times appeared so inconsistently absurd, that it afforded no small diversion to his pupils, as it greatly obscured the lustre of his classical abilities. Our hero was soon made acquainted with this foible, and, as he had a most fertile imagination, waited for some convenient opportunity, when he might exercise his talent of stratagem, thereby promising not only great mirth and pastime to himself but likewise to his school-fellows, in whose good opinion he hoped easily to ingratiate himself by imposing on Tickle-text, who was universally hated by his scholars, as being of a very austere and cholerick disposition, nevertheless he would often suffer Jerry to use greater freedoms than others were allowed ; all which indul-



gences did not in the least eradicate the intentions of his pupil from perpetrating a scheme which he had projected, when his master should next cloud his intellectual faculties with the fumes of liquor.

An accident at this time happened, which put the family of the parson in some confusion; his wife who had long continued in a consumption was now dead, she had been accustomed to disturb the ears of her husband with such a disagreeable vociferation, that her death was matter of the greatest happiness that could befall him; he was therefore determined to indulge himself as soon as she was deposited in the earth, with a good supper and a collection of friends, in order to recreate his spirits, which had been so severely agitated by the virulency of her tongue: After the necessary offices were performed in honour to the defunct, an elegant supper, with variety of good liquor, was provided for the entertainment of those who had been invited to the burial; when it was observable, that Dr. Tickletext never exhibited such alacrity of spirits as on the present occasion; he was incessantly putting the glass round, and tho' he had the character of having a very mean and niggardly disposition, yet at this time he shewed



ed the greatest liberality, and behaved with such uncommon chearfulness, as if he had been delivered from one of the severest curses incident to human nature.

When the company had regaled themselves for some time, the major part withdrew to their respective homes, leaving a neighbouring justice of the peace, the undertaker, and the apothecary, with Dr. Tickletext, who insisted they should stay with him some time longer ; adding that he had not spent an evening so agreeably entertaining for many years ; when taking up his glass, having first filled it to the brim, he drank to the quiet repose of his dear deceased ; upon which Mr. Ballance, the justice, said he would pledge him with all his heart ; and that if fate would be so propitious soon to ease him of his burthensome yoke-fellow, he would drink myriads of requiems to her soul, and undergo any uneasiness whatever in exchange for his wife, as he was very certain he should be a gainer by the bargain : Mr. Sable the undertaker coincided entirely with the sentiments of the justice, neither was Mr. Bolus the apothecary at all deficient in his exclamations on obstreperous wives ; and remarked, that it gave him great happiness

he could congratulate the parson on the loss of his ; adding, that if he had been so particularly acquainted with his desires, he could have dispatched her long ago, but that it was his occupation to continue life as long as possible ; upon which there arose some altercation between this son of Esculapius and the undertaker. Mr. Sable protesting, that no apothecaries desire the prolongation of a patient's life from any humane and candid consideration, but from a motive of lucre only ; and he made no doubt but if he cou'd have received any considerable reward, he would have long since dismissed Mrs. Tickletext from this world ; which so exasperated the apothecary, that he was preparing to vent his passion on his antagonist by a glass bottle presented at his head, had not the divine interposed, who desired that no discord might again subsist in his house, as he had so lately been delivered from its uneasiness ; upon which the two opponents were somewhat more cool, and a few glasses effected a peaceful reconciliation.

The company had now drank 'till their heads became quite vertiginous, when the parson was afflicted with such a giddiness of the brain, that endeavouring to stand up in  
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order to assist Mr. Ballance, who at this time cou'd by no means keep himself in a proper equilibrium, he most unfortunately fell on one side, with his elbow received in the hot liquor of a large bowl of punch, which in copious streams now flowed on the table ; when the bowl, greatly prized for its antiquity, met with a final dissolution. This adventure so unluckily atchieved finished their conversation, the three guests were conducted to their homes, as was the divine with great trouble conveyed to bed; our young hero, in conjunction with his associates, still waiting to execute some stratagem on their inebriated master.





## C H A P. II.

*He practises an experiment on the Toe of the parson; who, by the inspiration of the bottle, is sometime after engaged in a very entertaining, tho' most perilous adventure.*

**T**HE whole family were now buried in a profound silence, each enjoying the peaceful delights of rest, when Jerry and his two companions approached the bed of their instructor, who was so overpowered with the fetters of sleep, that it would have been no very easy matter to have made him sensible of noise; when applying a string, which had been prepared for that purpose, to one of his toes, they gave him such disagreeable twitches, that being no longer able to support such intolerable pain, he began to roar and bellow with such hideous exclamations, as they thought proper to desist for the present, lest they shou'd entirely awake him, and by that means lay themselves open to a discovery; but no sooner did the parson again yield to the impulse of sleep, when they repeated their diversion on the poor sufferer, who with great agony bemoaned himself



himself on that excessive misery which he so wretchedly endured ; when our hero gave a great jirk with all the force he was capable of, and broke this instrument of affliction, not without imparting an additional pain on the toe of his master, who now leapt out of bed ; but not having sufficient strength to support himself through the prevalency of the much liquor he had so lately imbibed, was not able to lay hold on his tormentors, who had escaped undiscovered to their beds, not without much pleasure on their agreeable adventure.

The parson was in no small consternation on the present accident, neither cou'd he form the least idea of what had happen'd to him ; when at length finding the remains of the string fastned to the part so miserably affected, he began to suspect that he had been imposed on by some one of his pupils ; but judging it impossible to make any discovery at the present, he again very judiciously betook himself to rest, not without first finding out the door, which he took care to fasten so securely, as might be an impediment to such nocturnal revels.

In the morning when his senses were somewhat recovered, he began seriously to

reflect on the late experiment that had been practised on his toe, which was now in a very sore and painful condition; and judging it better to take no notice of what had past, pretended he was violently afflicted with the gout, and for some few days was obliged to the assistance of a stick, when the bad consequences that had attended this last inebriation, by the discipline which he had experienced, were greatly instrumental to his advantage; he resolved in future to pursue a course of life quite different from his former, behaving now more sedulous than ever in his school, and for some considerable time afterwards scarce ever drank to such an excess, as might cause a deprivation of his senses.

Mr. Positive had very often visited his nephew, who was by this time so well acquainted with many of the latin and greek classicks, that his uncle conceived still greater ideas of his future glory, and intended very soon to send him to Eaton for his farther improvement; when some little time before he left school, there happened an adventure which afforded no small laughter in the neighbourhood, the unfortunate Dr. Tickletext being principally concerned in this extraordinary transac-

transaction, which had very near terminated in the most fatal consequences.

There chanced at this time to be a wake at the village where the parson resided, when he once more fell a victim to the allurements of enticing liquor, and was so elevated by the inspiration of the bottle, as entirely divested him of each rational faculty; a peasant of some neighbouring village had also so violently heated his imagination with drinking, so as to be quite incapacitated to support himself, nevertheless abused each person that approached him, and made use of such opprobrious and disrespectful language, that a mob immediately surrounded, and wou'd have inflicted some severe discipline on the poor fellow, had not the divine very candidly assisted; and by his interposition prevailed on the people to carry him to bed in an adjacent alehouse, that he might by sleep recover his senses; the advice was immediately executed, and every one very officiously assisted in so laudable an undertaking: Dr. Tickletext led the van of this illustrious company, who hastned up stairs with their inebriated burthen, having first recreated their throats with the addition of more liquor, which on their entrance



into the house was administered by their leader, who still continued at the head of this procession; and being now come to the chamber door, which he finding shut, immediately broke open, and discovered to his great surprize the mistress of the house in the soft embraces of one of her domesticks; the company seemed greatly delighted with this uncommon spectacle, and without farther ceremony deposited their burthen on the bed in conjunction with the two lovers that had been so agreeably exercising themselves in the sports of Venus; when the master of the house hearing the noise which this accident had occasioned, very expeditiously hastened to enquire into the cause of so riotous a disturbance; but how great was his astonishment at this amazing scene! he immediately discharged his whole fury on his servant, whom he was preparing instantly to castrate, had not Tickletext hindered so desperate a fact, by directing a blow at his temples, which laid him quite motionless on the floor, and by that means preserved the manhood of the servant, which was in so perilous a situation.

The cook-maid, to whom her master had often dispensed some very peculiar favours,



vours, being informed of the injury he had received, snatched up a spit that had been just taken from the fire, and entering the chamber in a most furious disposition, wou'd have executed some severe punishment on the object of her resentment, had he not evaded very dextrously the blow, and with great precipitation quitted the room, making but one step from the top of the stairs to the bottom; the female virago still pursuing him; when to escape her impending vengeance, he took refuge in an adjacent orchard, and very fortunately had just climbed up a tree, when his antagonist vibrated her weapon at his posteriors: The whole company had now surrounded the asylum of the preacher, who was protected from the future insults of the cook-maid, on condition he would favour them with a discourse on some subject; which without farther hesitation he commenced, declaiming against the dangers of matrimony, and the great improbability there was of meeting with a good wife; but scarce had he finished his oration, when by some unlucky accident his foot slipped, and he was conveyed, he knew not how, senseless to the ground. The unhappy sufferer was immediately carried home to bed, not a little ashamed on the morrow  
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for the absurdity of his late behaviour. This adventure was no sooner known to his pupil, but he concerted an ingenious scheme towards making it more publick in dishonour to his master; he had not as yet invoked the muses, nevertheless as he entertained a genius for versifying, he attempted a recital of this adventure in doggrel rhymes, giving it the title of Dr. Tickle-text in the tree, which with great applause was handed round the whole country, to the no small grief and mortification of the parson. As this was the first coup d'Essai of our hero, we think proper to insert it for the satisfaction of the curious reader.



## C H A P. III.

*Dr. Tickletext in the tree.*

**O** Lend your aid, ye beauteous nine,  
 Assist me in my pompous rhyme,  
 That I great wonders may rehearse,  
 Wrapt up in Hudibrastick verse;  
 And to the world such scenes exhibit,  
 As they'll to me the Bayes attribute:  
 Truth, mighty truth, directs my pen,  
 Tho' authors happen now and then,  
 To take delight in falsifying,  
 And plenteously croud in such lying,  
 That their grand lines are scarce worth  
 buying.

But not to dwell on things minute,  
 I'll put an end to this dispute,  
 By hastning now great feats to shew you,  
 And pleasant facts to lay before you.

It chanc'd at S—— to be the fair,  
 A merriment that is but rare,  
 When such variety appear'd,  
 Such medleys as scarce e'er were heard,  
 Since father Adam first began,  
 Down to the present state of man;  
 A clown, whose copiousness of chink,  
 Had swell'd his craving guts with drink,

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And rais'd his spirits 'bove the reach  
 Of many that did to him preach,  
 Namely to get into his nest,  
 And settle his dull brains with rest ;  
 Us'd such abusive style in talk,  
 To each that did around him walk,  
 That he'd been kill'd that very bout,  
 Had Tickletext not help'd him out,  
 Who luckily did save banging,  
 By 's oratorical haranguing ;

My friends, quoth he, from mighty  
 drinking,  
 This man may come to sober thinking,  
 If ye my doctrines will imbibe,  
 And follow rules that I'll prescribe;  
 For we who're born to save men's souls,  
 Can soon disperse the strength of bowls,  
 Can by our precepts raise a man,  
 Who on his stumps cou'd scarcely stand.  
 Observe the dictates that I give,  
 And I'll engage the man shall live,  
 To drink whole butts of antique hock,  
 As sure as this is call'd Cas-sock ;  
 First on the down of peaceful bed  
 Let's leave him to compose his head,  
 Then happ'ly seat us down and fill  
 The glass our thirsty throats to swill.  
 Thus our good parson having ended,  
 Was greatly by the mob commended.

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All now inspir'd with gen'rous heart  
 Lays hold on Tippler's hands and feet,  
 And some now grapple at his haunch,  
 And others bear his pond'rous paunch;  
 By wond'rous dint of active strength  
 They hous'd him in a room at length,  
 Where being plac'd upon a table,  
 Our sacerdotal man in fable,  
 First for the mighty liquor calls,  
 Then each man in his seat installs;  
 And now again harangues the people?  
 As well as in an house with steeple,  
 But having whetted first his throat,  
 That he might have a clearer note.

Observe, says he, our stretch'd out friend,  
 Of drunken men ye see the end;  
 What is it? why he's void of care,  
 No troubles on his spirits are,  
 He's stupid, senseless for to-day,  
 To-morrow he'll be fresh and gay;  
 Then let us banish too our sorrow,  
 Tho' drunk to-day, we're fresh to-morrow:  
 This said, when all with mirth arose,  
 That Tippler might his limbs repose  
 On landlord's salutary bed,  
 And ease by morn his stupid head.

The drunkard carry'd as before,  
 Soon reach'd the destin'd chamber-door,  
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When parson at the head o'th mob,  
 Swore he would break it ope by G——,  
 If they within did not soon hasten,  
 With mighty speed the door t' unfasten.  
 The landlord hearing of the clatter,  
 Came hast'ning up to know the matter :  
 Parson, cries he, I pray be civil,  
 And do not personate the devil ;  
 Since door 'gainst which you now are  
 pressing,

Leads to wife's room, who's there a dressing:  
 This said, when some in irksome plight,  
 Who bore the drunkard's heavy weight,  
 Cry'd out, if soon no entrance's found  
 Our burthen's like to tumble down ;  
 Therefore unless ye force the door.  
 His resting place will be the floor.

All now with one victorious thrust  
 Open the door in fury burst ;  
 When Tickletext first enter'd in,  
 And saw the landlord's lovely queen,  
 His virtuous dear, his tempting beauty,  
 Now occupy'd in private duty,  
 With John the drawer, whom her spouse  
 Had taken in to horn his brows.  
 Mean time the husband with great might,  
 Hast'ning to place himself in fight,  
 Lest they shou'd injure his dear wife,  
 And hurt the darling of his life :

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In frantick rage caught John and held him,  
 And loudly swore that he wou'd geld him;  
 But parson for a noble end,  
 Willing to stand poor drawer's friend,  
 Left he an eunuch should be left,  
 And of his genitals bereft,  
 Levell'd a blow at landlord's head,  
 And fairly knock'd him off the bed:  
 Which done, he brandish'd now his fist,  
 And shew'd a most tremendous wrist;  
 Swearing that he wou'd lay it on  
 The man who injur'd trembling John;  
 Who, in conjunction with his queen  
 Lay sweating on their being seen,  
 By'th sneering folk, who fill'd the room,  
 Expecting what wou'd be their doom.

The cook to whom her master often,  
 Had giv'n such pleasures as cou'd soften,  
 The most obdurate pain that vex  
 The body, or the heart perplex:  
 Hearing that he was now knock'd under,  
 By one who rattles pulpit thunder;  
 Snatch'd up a spit, just ta'en from fire,  
 As instrumental to her ire;  
 And in a furious mood ascends  
 The stairs, and all her vigour bends,  
 To damp our parson's vaunting rage,  
 And his triumphing threats t' assuage,  
 Who



Who nimbly stept aside the bed,  
 And with precipitation fled,  
 To save the piercing of his hide,  
 And other stings that might betide,  
 Had he all cowardice forsook,  
 And fought courageously the cook :  
 He justly swearing, that man's no man,  
 Who meanly deigns to fight with woman ;  
 Thought he the wisest way had taken,  
 To save his honour and his bacon.

The mob with eagerness repairs  
 To follow cook and priest down stairs,  
 Who being of a nimble race  
 Shew'd his agility apace :  
 A tree the surest guard he counted,  
 Which soon with nimbleness he mounted,  
 And happ'ly was got out of reach,  
 When sweaty cook gave push at breech :  
 The grinning mob a circle make,  
 And boughs with trembling parson shake :  
 Whose foe still threat'ned with her spit,  
 'Vowing that preacher shou'd soon quit  
 His present station, she would free  
 His reverend honour from the tree.  
 When one facetiously inclin'd,  
 Swore Tickletext no harm should find,  
 If he one sermon wou'd but give,  
 To preach another he might live,

Since



Since he the cook-maid wou'd disarm,  
 And leave no signs of future harm.  
 The good man in the tree, now blest'd  
 Kind fortune, then the crowd address'd.

My friends, quoth he, I'll now relate,  
 The dangers of a married state;  
 I think a subject can't be better,  
 Or to the present purpose fitter;  
 Since had our landlord not a wife,  
 Here ne'er had been such wond'rous strife,  
 Or such endang'ring of my life. }  
 Wedlock's a lottery, where men  
 Chance to be gainers now and then;  
 So some by luck may take a wife,  
 And augment all the joys of life;  
 Whilst others often meet a shrew,  
 A whore or drunkard, then adieu  
 All peace and happiness, no more  
 Remains, that ease h' enjoy'd before:  
 Those men are doubly curs'd, whose lives  
 Are dragg'd along with scolding wives;  
 Whose fiery tongues take so much pains  
 To split with noise their husband's brains:  
 In vain the man implores for ease,  
 In vain his wife attempts t' appease;  
 Still she remains in doing wrong,  
 And spits the venom of her tongue;  
 'Till tir'd, she ends the warm debate,  
 Then triumphs o'er her conquer'd mate:  
 So

So have I seen the rivers, when  
 They're likely to o'er flow the plain ;  
 The rusticks try to stop their course,  
 But all in vain, their rapid force  
 Brush all before them like the main,  
 'Till spread around subside again.

Next view the man, whose wife cornutes  
 His honour'd brows with circling shoots ;  
 Poor man ! he thinks his wife's as cold  
 As Lucrece was in days of old,  
 To all besides himself, 'till chance  
 Has of her conduct giv'n some glance :  
 Then how he foams and frets to find  
 His wife so false, damns womankind ;  
 Drinks, raves 'till sense begins to falter,  
 Then happ'ly meets relief in halter.

If she is neither shrew nor whore,  
 She drinks perhaps, and what can more  
 Distract with care the husband's life,  
 Than can a senseless tippling wife ;  
 She'll do what e'er she list, and when  
 She sober wakes, she'll drink again ;  
 Guzzles all day, and tho' the night  
 Shall set her drunken senses right,  
 And cleanse her head, she han't forgot  
 To fall into her usual trot.

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This said — by some curs'd imp of hell,  
 Poor parson chanc'd to slip, and fell  
 Prone through the boughs upon the ground,  
 And greatly schismatiz'd his gown ;  
 The fall imparted many bumps,  
 He cou'd not stand upon his stumps,  
 And to his home, now sorely vex't,  
 They brought the reverend Ticklerext.

JERRY BUCK.



CHAP.

## C H A P. IV:

*He is admitted into Eaton school, where  
he experiences the resentment of Dr.  
Partial his preceptor.*

**T**HIS doughty performance of Jerry's was received with universal applause; neither did it escape the knowledge of his uncle; who, although he could not commend him for severely lampooning Dr. Tickletext, yet he indulged a secret pleasure in finding, that his nephew was not one of those muddy genius's, who shew not the least spark of vivacity, but behave with that slothfulness of disposition, as scarce distinguishes them from mere reptiles. The inclinations of our hero were of a different bent; his spirits the most quick and lively, nor was his mind subjected to the cloudy fits of dullness and inactivity, a disorder so very incident to mankind. He was removed some little time after this satyrical composition, from the government of the parson, who had been so violently chagrined on the inconsistency of his late behaviour; that in order to quell the conscious suggestions of his mind, he  
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had ever since devoted himself to his deity, the bottle; the efficacy of which, in a few months after, divested him of his mortality; of whom it was remarked, that no one ever behaved with greater decency, maintained a better decorum, or practised a more useful method of instruction in his school, unless when he too freely indulged his appetite for drinking, which so unhappily effected his bacchanalian riots, and at length terminated his very life.

Our hero made his next appearance at Eaton, where he soon contracted an intimacy with many of his school-fellows, who considered him as a very eminent genius, and on that account were particularly fond of his acquaintance; he soon was honoured with the appellation of being their leader in all jolly expeditions; and in conjunction with some select youths of his acquaintance, committed such frequent depredations on the various commodities of the neighbouring farmers, that he was esteemed a very daring member of the community, and threatened with the most severe chastisement on the next disorderly proceeding.

In the midst of these jovial transactions, the head-master of the school being presented to a living, quitted the reins of government to Dr. Partial; who, having a particular antipathy to our adventurer, was determined, on the first occasion that might offer, to exclude him from amongst his subjects, as he had been an impediment to his executing some particular projects, which he had attempted since his advancement to the mastership; and which Jerry, in the following letter to his uncle describes, together with the character of this new Gymnasiarch.

HONOUR'D SIR,

‘ THERE has been a change lately  
 ‘ in the government of our school,  
 ‘ by the preferment of Dr. Partial, who  
 ‘ has succeeded our late master; and I  
 ‘ must confess, Sir, it is matter of the  
 ‘ greatest concern to me, that I am  
 ‘ placed under the direction of one, who  
 ‘ entertains such an earnest propensity to  
 ‘ the acquisition of money, that any  
 ‘ of my school-fellows can, with the  
 ‘ greatest facility, be either placed or  
 ‘ deplaced in any particular class, by  
 ‘ the prevalency of a bribe: I have un-  
 ‘ happily

' happily felt his resentment, by my not  
 ' yielding to lose my place without the  
 ' least remonstrance, on his advancing  
 ' another boy above me, who is abso-  
 ' lutely esteemed by the whole school,  
 ' to be no other than a mere blockhead;  
 ' but as he has the happiness to be the  
 ' son of a very rich man, and who, as  
 ' I am told, has great interest in the  
 ' state, he has very unjustly, singular  
 ' marks of favour bestowed on him by  
 ' my master. If this manner of pro-  
 ' ceeding is continued, I am very cer-  
 ' tain merit will be but badly reward-  
 ' ed; and as I have been informed by  
 ' many of the boys, that the most in-  
 ' fallible method for the procurement of  
 ' Dr. Partial's esteem, is to acquire it  
 ' by money; I entreat the favour there-  
 ' fore, of your gratifying my master  
 ' with a present as expeditiously as  
 ' possible, that his anger may no longer  
 ' be influenced on your most dutiful, and  
 ' obedient nephew,

JERRY BUCK.

Our hero's uncle, on the receipt of this letter, was most violently exasperated



at the behaviour of this pedagogue, and intended in a short time, to acquaint him personally with his unlawful proceedings, instead of making him any present, in compliance with the desires of his nephew, when he was greatly surprized at the unexpected arrival of Jerry, who it seems had left Eaton on the following account: His master still continued his splenetick manner of proceeding, exhibiting several very uncommon marks of the greatest partiality; and whenever his pupil was concerned in disobeying any established rule of the college, the superintendent of his behaviour received the most sensitive delight, in repaying the misdemeanour with the severest correction; and as he most desperately hated his scholar, for his not acquiescing without the least murmur to some particular behaviour (as has been before hinted) that he knew was for his pecuniary advantage to execute in the school; he considered on the following scheme, for the dismissal, if possible, of one, whom he so inveterately dreaded: He took great pains in making himself acquainted with every offence that our hero had committed whilst at Eaton, which he construed into crimes of the first magnitude; and with a quivering lip,



lip, accompanied with an aspect very significantly malicious, recapitulated each of them to Jerry in the public school, covering every accusation with such odious and disgraceful colours, as very evidently indicated the intentional bent of the declaimer, who greatly misrepresented some, and advanced others that were absolutely false ; which so exasperated our young adventurer, that he was determined to leave the school and return to his uncle ; which course he instantly pursued, and was received by his guardian in no very agreeable humour, for the rashness of his proceedings ; by this means, Dr. Partial had the happiness of being freed from a refractory scholar, who would not willingly brook the illicit proceedings of so biassed an instructor.



## C H A P. V.

*Mr. Positive selects a very egregious tutor for his nephew, who is privately engaged in an amour with Miss Lovely.*

**B**EING thus delivered from the arbitrary proceedings of his late master, he was to continue at his uncle's house, till every thing requisite for his expedition to the university could be provided; his guardian was a man upwards of fifty, who from the exercise of many good perfections which he enjoyed, had procured himself some veneration and respect; but he possessed one bad quality, which greatly eclipsed the glory of his other excellencies; he entertained such rigidity of disposition, as scarce ever to be reconciled with any, who might have once affronted him; under the inspection of so resolute and determinate a person, was our hero now placed, 'till his departure for Oxford, in conjunction with Mr. Blunderbuss, a most exquisite gentleman, who was selected as his tutor whilst at the university.

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To draw the character of Mr. Blunderbuss adequate to his merits is somewhat difficult; he was one of that numerous fraternity, in whose brains the mere dint of flagellation had infused some imperfect ideas of the latin and greek languages; and now elevated by his mighty acquisition, considered himself segregated from the common herd of mankind, as one distinguished in the literary world; his principal delight in company was to animadvert on words that might be improperly applied, or perhaps, not so emphatically uttered as they ought, and having no regard to good manners chose rather to incur the disesteem of every one for his folly and impertinence, than desist from indulging the impelling dictates of his own opinion; he valued himself greatly as master of the art of speaking magnificently, as he termed it, his words being generally very pompous and high sounding; as he dealt mostly in derivatives from the greek and latin, he entertained such a distaste to monosyllables, that he never used them unless an absolute necessity required; such absurd and singular affectedness appeared in the behaviour of Mr. Blunderbuss, to whose refined and classical genius was entrusted the improvement of our young adventurer,

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who was at this time materially concerned in an affair, which if known to his uncle might have been attended with some very disagreeable consequences.

Not far distant from the seat of Mr. Positive lived one Mr. Gripe, an old gentleman extremely rich, and no less remarkable for his avaricious disposition; he had long contracted an intimacy with Jerry's uncle, and was frequently at his house, and as he never had been married, his intentions were to leave the whole bulk of his fortune to his niece, who had lived with him from a child; and was now in the sixteenth year of her age, mistress of such excellent perfections, as rendered her an object the most amiable and engaging, whose beauty had so violently attracted the inclinations of our hero, that he could no longer keep secret a passion, which he had for some time endeavoured to conceal.

Miss Charlotte Lovely was a young lady than whom no one could ever pretend to greater accomplishments, her disposition extremely courteous and affable, her sentiments the most delicate and refined, and the beauty of her person accompanied  
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with such modesty of behaviour, so advantageously recommended her to the good opinion of every one, that it was no wonder such charms should so rivet the affections of Mr. Buck, who had often attempted to discover the ardour of his love, but had desisted lest by the confession of his desires he might incur her displeasure; and by that means be in future debarred from enjoying the happiness of her company, which at this time he so agreeably possessed.

He had long endeavoured to combat his passion, but now finding his attempts quite ineffectual, he was resolved to communicate his sentiments to her by the following letter, which he proposed to deliver into her own hands on the first happy occasion that might present itself;

DEAR MADAM,

‘ COULD expressions specify my love  
 ‘ equivalent to what it is, I have the  
 ‘ confidence to believe it would in some  
 ‘ measure inspire you with that soft and  
 ‘ delicate passion, or at least claim your  
 ‘ esteem; happy should I be was I blessed  
 ‘ with either; the former would most  
 ‘ agreeably coincide with my fervent in-  
 ‘ clinations, the latter would somewhat

‘ alleviate the stroke I feel ; a lover’s pre-  
 ‘ sumption is excusable, since it forces  
 ‘ him to dictate the genuine sentiments of  
 ‘ his mind : This my open declaration  
 ‘ of love will not therefore I flatter myself  
 ‘ displease, since if it should meet with a  
 ‘ repulse, you will candidly impute it to  
 ‘ that flame with which I am affected : If  
 ‘ I happily succeed, I am doubly blessed ;  
 ‘ if on the contrary, still shall I remaining  
 ‘ loving tho’ not beloved ; but I must not,  
 ‘ cannot entertain a thought so gloomy  
 ‘ and opposite to my wishes, since the de-  
 ‘ licateness of your sentiments declare you  
 ‘ not susceptible of such rigidity ; receive  
 ‘ then my entreaties as persuasive advocates  
 ‘ to kind compliance, and let the tender  
 ‘ sensations of your breast influence your  
 ‘ pity.’

Then would my heart exult with rap’trous  
joy,

Then should I feel such bliss as ne’er can  
cloy,

Each day in lovely sweets would glide away,  
And night would far excell the sweets of  
day.

I am

Dear madam,

Your sincerest admirer,

JERRY BUCK.

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After having with much pains drawn up this am'rous composition, he considered it might be much more efficacious to impart the suggestions of his mind to miss Charlotte in person, than to hazard the success of a letter, and that he would then be more ready to answer any objections that she might offer to his suit; he now resolved to pursue this last expedient, and meeting her alone one evening in the garden (after a few ceremonial expressions had been exchanged on both sides) began to declare the violence of his passion, which he delivered in a language so pathetick, that the fair one, who had not as yet been acquainted with the prevalency of love, was at first in great confusion, and in silence declined her face overspread with such enchanting blushes, as caused a still greater addition to her charms; when Jerry observing what efficacy his amorous importunities had produced, desisted not till she had given such a favourable reply, as might encourage him to the farther prosecution of his desires.

Miss Lovely having somewhat recovered herself from this unexpected attack, expressed a very great surprize at what he had imparted to her, and very modestly apologized



apologized for her youth and inexperience in the affairs of love ; insinuating, that as she was dependent on Mr. Gripe her uncle, and placed under his immediate inspection, she could not presume to engage herself in any thing, that he might not be acquainted with. The youth was not endued with so dull a penetration, but he could easily discern the true sentiments of her mind, and being apprehensive that if he slipped this favourable opportunity, he might not in future meet with such another, (as the time for his departure to Oxford would soon withdraw him from the sight of his mistress,) he so improved the present moment, that he had great reason to believe she entertained a reciprocal affection, which by a frequent intercourse in a short time he was sufficiently convinced of: The love of so accomplished a lady as miss Charlotte, raised in his breast no small pleasure, he embraced every occasion to visit her, behaving with such caution as gave not the least mistrust either to his uncle or Mr. Gripe, who would not in the least have relished a proceeding of this nature: Thus unsuspectedly he enjoyed the happiness of her conversation, till he was sent to college, when both parted not without mutually exchanging their vows of an inviolable attachment.

## C H A P. VI.

*Having profited by the instruction of two fashionable artists, who exasperate Mr. Blunderbuss to a very elevated pitch, he distinguishes himself at Oxford, as a most wonderful phenomenon, which is communicated to his uncle by the tutor.*

**I**T was now proposed by Mr. Positive, that his nephew should be instructed in the polite art of dancing, as in that likewise of using the small sword, when proper masters were soon provided for that purpose; accordingly Mr. Pinkhim, very celebrated for the art of fencing, together with Mr. Caper the dancing-master, practised so successfully with their pupil, that in a few months he made such an extraordinary improvement, as procured him a still greater love from his uncle; who, as the time was now arrived when on the morrow his nephew was to set out for college, desired the company of the two masters to dine with him, who readily accepted the invitation, when Pinkhim amidst a variety of discourse, began to express great eulogiums on the art of fencing, endeavouring

ing to demonstrate, that it was an accomplishment the most requisite of any for the polite gentleman, that all quarrels and disputes were instantaneously terminated by the sword, which was a weapon that likewise added a certain *je ne sçai quoi* agreeable to any one, who was equipped with so genteel an instrument.

These curious observations being uttered with great eagerness, hindered the tutor from interrupting, who was just now preparing to deliver his sentiments on the occasion; when he was prevented by Caper, who very affectedly remarked, that what had been advanced, was in some particulars very pertinent, but that he could not allow fencing to be preferable to the art he professed himself master of, which was of a more extensive nature, and not confined only to the gentlemen, but engaged likewise the application of the fair sex; adding, that he not only entertained a very good opinion of his own, but of Mr. Pinkhim's art likewise; and that he believed he might with very good confidence be allowed to say, that no one could properly be call'd the man of taste, who was not a proficient in both.

This last expression of the dancing-master's, raised the resentment of Mr. Blunderbuss



derbuffs to such an extraordinary pitch, receiving it as levelled intirely at him, that without the least hesitation, he conveyed a glass of wine in the face of Caper, who with great deliberateness, was just at this time applying a pinch of rappee to his narine faculties, and did not in the least expect so uncivil a salute ; the maître de dance prepared instantly to repay it by the return of a full bottle, had he not been prevented by Positive, who perceiving the current of affairs, hindered him from returning the compliment, at the same time desiring the tutor to withdraw ; who very willingly embraced the offer, and with violent precipitation betook himself to another room, not without great danger from the fencing-master, who was very near stopping the fugitive by the interposition of his sword ; this was matter of the most infinite satisfaction to his pupil, who by the representation of the present scene meditated great mirth in future with his governor ; at length, by much entreaty, the two guests were somewhat pacified, who now took their leaves, avowing the greatest vengeance on the tutor, if fortune should ever direct him to their view.

The foes of Blunderbuffs were no sooner gone but he made his appearance, not without

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out receiving a severe reprimand from Positive, who was near irreconcilable on the present accident ; however, he behaved not so rigidly as was expected ; and having procured one Will Pimp as valet to his nephew, who had served in that capacity to several gentlemen, he dispatched the triumvirate on the morrow for the university of Oxford, not forgetting to lay his injunctions on the tutor, to inform him if his nephew behaved ill ; neither was he deficient in assuring our hero, that if he committed any of those irregularities which he would observe daily practised at Oxford, he must not in future hope for any love and esteem from him, but on the contrary, expect to be excluded from the inheritance of his estate, which after his decease, if he behaved well, his intentions were to leave him.

Jerry did not pay much regard to what his uncle had enjoined him, the great acquaintance that he soon contracted at college, gave him the most infinite satisfaction, he found their sentiments suit very pleasingly with his own disposition, nor was the society of which he had the honour to be a member, composed of any but what was eminently distinguished by the appellation of a choice genius : in this association

fociation he appeared as an extraordinary personage, no one ever carried himself with greater courage in any fighting enterprize, or shewed less timidity at the appearance of a proctor : By a behaviour of this kind he acquired the glorious characteristick of a jolly fellow, and received due marks of respect on so meritorious an account ; but it was very remarkable, that altho' at some times he so extravagantly behaved, yet at intervals, he no less devoted himself to books, and made greater improvement than could be expected from one, who by his proceedings, did not seem to intimate a very great propensity to the cultivation of his studies. Mr. Blunderbus not in the least relishing his extravagancies, took the liberty very often to reprove him, but meeting with very disagreeable answers to his frequent admonitions, he thought proper to acquaint Positive with his disorderly behaviour ; and accordingly drew up the following elaborate epistle, which he communicated to his uncle.

S I R,

‘ **T** H E young Gentleman whom you  
 ‘ have committed to my gubernato-  
 ‘ ry inspection, and who is so conjunctive-  
 ‘ ly attached to you by the copulatives of  
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• consanguinity, has been the fabricator of  
 • such temerarious and diabolical proceed-  
 • ings, that an expulsion will be the natu-  
 • ral concomitant of his next irregular per-  
 • petration, and you may consider this as  
 • a most veracious certification, that was  
 • he not superlatively nefarious, he would  
 • not be so flagrantly represented, by

SIR,

Your most assiduous,

humble servant.

**TIMOTHY BLUNDERBUSS.**

Mr. Positive had no sooner read over  
 this curious and learned epistle, but he be-  
 gan to entertain strange ideas of the tutor's  
 style, which he could not so entirely com-  
 prehend as he would wish, he had recourse  
 immediately to his neighbour Gripe, as  
 being somewhat more acquainted with clas-  
 sical literature than himself; who at length  
 with much investigation, layed open the  
 enigmatical construction of the letter, in a  
 style more familiar to his ears; when on  
 the information of his nephew's proceed-  
 ings, he declaimed in a most violent pas-  
 sion against the accused offender, whom he  
 swore



swore never more to regard, but abandon him entirely to the exercise of his own will, which he doubted not but would be productive of the greatest crimes : Whilst he was thus uttering his resentment to our hero, Miss Lovely, who very attentively listened to what had passed, felt such violent agitations on the unhappiness of the present case, that if Gripe had entertained the least surmise of his niece's love, her present external appearance would have sufficiently indicated the disposal of her affections.

Such was the inflexibility of Positive's disposition, that he would not pay the least regard to the many solicitations of his friend, who persuaded him not entirely to withdraw his esteem from Jerry, but once more to make a tryal of his behaviour, who now perhaps might so experience the ill effects of his misconduct, as might caution him in future from such irregular proceedings ; but he would by no means acquiesce to his desires, and being determined never to be again reconciled to the delinquent, he dispatched a letter to Blunderbuss, bidding him acquaint his pupil with the resolutions he had taken, and that it was now matter of indifference to him after what manner he proceeded ; that as he was not as yet of age, and could not claim his fortune, he  
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would take particular care not to supply him with cash so plentifully as he had formerly done, which perhaps might give some allay to his jollity, and in a few respects be no small aggravation to his mind : The tutor had no sooner been acquainted with these injunctions, but he entertained the most distracting ideas on the present dilemma, he was afraid to communicate the affair to Mr. Buck, lest he might experience the effects of his displeasure, neither did he dare to disobey the orders of his uncle, lest that might cause a removal from his office ; he began now to throw out the severest anathema's on himself for his stupidity in the commission of an action, which had terminated in such unhappy consequences, that he could not conceive how to extricate himself from that perplexity, which his too great officiousness had effected.

Whilst he was thus meditating on the present posture of affairs, Miss Charlotte had found means privately to convey a letter to her lover, acquainting him with what had been imparted to his uncle, and the much uneasiness that had ensued on that account ; intimating at the same time, his fixed resolutions, notwithstanding the many and repeated efforts of Mr. Gripe,

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to obtain a reconciliation, which had hitherto, and in all probability would in future, be found ineffectual : This letter raised in his breast two passions distinctly opposite, love and resentment ; he was now as violently exasperated with his tutor, as he was more than ever enamoured with the kindness of his mistress, and being resolved to take due vengeance on the representer of his misconduct, consulted with his valet Pimp, how he might execute some plan of revenge on Blunderbuffs, who had been the author of so unhappy a disturbance.





## C H A P. VII.

*The Valet prepares a scheme for being revenged on Blunderbuss, who is projecting an amorous interview with Miss Firetail.*

**M**R. Buck's valet was a fellow than whom no one had a more crafty or subtle invention ; he had for many years served in his present way of life, and had been employed in several stratagems for the service of his former masters, to whom he had ever behaved with that strict fidelity requisite in a servant : The punishment of Blunderbuss, was entirely consigned to his machinating genius ; who, whilst he was meditating on some scheme, whereby the tutor might receive due recompence for his impertinent proceedings, very fortunately met with an opportunity, which pathed the way for those purposes, which he had endeavoured to effect.

There happened at this time to be at Oxford, a young lady of pleasure, who had lately arrived from London, and had taken up her residence at the University, from a motive of receiving some pecuniary

niary advantage of the students; she had not as yet intimated her usual manner of proceeding to any one, and behaved with such great modesty, that no one entertained the least surmise of her occupation; she very assiduously frequented that college, of which Mr. Buck was a member; and being one day walking in the quadrangle, was espy'd by Pimp, who immediately recognized her physiognomy, and had been very well acquainted with the profession of the lady whilst in London, which he communicated to his master, who was preparing to accost her after the manner she had usually been addressed; when an accident, very agreeable to his wishes intervened, and occasioned his much desired revenge on Mr. Blunderbuss.

Fanny Firetail, the name of this lady, had whispered it about, that she was heiress to a very great estate, hoping she might from thence more attract the inclinations of the young gentlemen; and as she was endued with an agreeableness of person, did not doubt making a conquest, either one way or the other; by this means, she engaged the attention of many, who began to conceive  
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great emotions on the accomplishments of her person, which were not a little heightened by the expectation likewise of her possessing a good fortune. Amongst the many admirers of Miss Firetail, the tutor was not the least affected; he was observed whilst at chapel, continually to fix his eyes on Fanny; and tho' he had long endeavoured to smother the risings of his passion, yet he could not stifle that flame, which the charms of this young lady had so violently kindled: He had been long considering how he might introduce himself to her company, and endeavour to make her acquainted with the great love he entertained on her account; but being not so fortunate as to meet with any convenient occasion, he was resolved to send her a letter by Pimp, as he promised himself that his retention would very easily be secured, through the prevalency of a bribe.

Big therefore with the expectation of success, he one day called him into his chamber; and after many frivolous questions, asked if he might safely entrust him with a secret; this demand, raised greatly the attention of the valet, who very positively assured him, he might depend  
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on his honour, that he never would disclose any thing, which Mr. Blunderbuss should commit to his secrecy; and that, though the meanness of his station, as a servant, might raise in some an unwillingness to regard his word; yet perhaps, he entertained more just and honourable principles than others, who might be far his superiors in point of fortune.

The credulous Mr. Blunderbuss, very readily believed these self-recommendatory expressions of the valet; to whom, without any farther scruple, he discovered the whole motives of his desire; assuring him, that if he managed this intrigue with that fidelity which he had conceived of him, he would make him sufficient recompence for the pains he should take on his account; and slipping a guinea into his hand, gave him the letter he had wrote, and which he desired might be delivered that very day to Miss Firetail, from whom he expected an answer by his return.

It is impossible to describe the pleasing surprize, which Pimp experienced on the present occasion; the great emotions of joy which he now felt, might have appeared quite uncommon, and have imparted some

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mistrust to any one, but the undiscerning genius of the tutor, who entirely misconstrued the motive of his happiness, which he could not forbear displaying on the present occasion, notwithstanding he was usually endued with a great composure of countenance; but the unexpectedness of the present accident, which so exactly quadrated with his particular desires, was the effect of such visible indications of joy. He now took his leave of Blunderbuss, who on his part, was no less enchanted with the pleasing hope of success in his agreeable amour: The valet was not dilatory in finding out his master, to whom he disclosed what he had been entrusted with, not omitting a single circumstance which had pass'd; remarking on his happy fortune, in meeting with so good an expedient, which in the sequel, would undoubtedly inflict no small uneasiness on the tutor, whose amorous epistle to Miss Firetail was immediately opened by our hero, who was not a little surprized at the following most learned composition which it contained.

Admirable

Adorable occupier of my soul,

THE venust rays of the illustrious  
 lucidity of your potent charms,  
 have so invigorated my cupidinous facul-  
 ties, both animal and corporeal, that I  
 must inevitably be sacrificed, to the tre-  
 mendous vibrations of the sepulchral  
 dart of death, if you denegate your aus-  
 cultation to my most deplorable peti-  
 tions; the hodiernal beams of the solar  
 luminary do not jaculate such elucidat-  
 ing radiations, as the glistning lustre of  
 your ocular resplendencies: With the  
 most extatic elasticity of my soul, I will  
 periculate my very vitals, in encounter-  
 ing the most lethiferous tornado's that  
 imagination can suggest, could I but be  
 meritoriously beatified by possessing you:  
 The venomous sagittary Cupid, has  
 raised such an inflammatory disorder in  
 my breast, that I must soon inevitably  
 succumb, unless you most charitably ap-  
 plicate the balsamic lenitives of comply-  
 ance to your most agonized,

and lachrymabund slave,

TIMOTHY BLUNDERBUSS.

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When Mr. Buck had read this curious epistle, he asked Pimp after what manner he intended to proceed who begged his master would not give himself any concern in this affair, but leave it entirely to his management, when he might be assured matters would be so disposed in a few days, as would give him no small diversion, and occasion the greatest shame and uneasiness to his unworthy tutor; as he so eagerly desired the whole glory, that might accrue from the atcheivement of this stratagem, Jerry very willingly committed it to his direction, desiring him to be as expeditious as possible in his proceedings, intimating, that his impatience was so great, as he was apprehensive he should not be able to desist much longer from inflicting a severe drubbing on the delinquent, unless he very soon executed his plan of revenge, and by that means ease him of the trouble: The valet assured him of an immediate dispatch, and then hastning to the lodgings of Miss Firetail, enquiring if she was at leisure to be spoke with, when, being answered in the affirmative, he was conducted into the presence of this amiable young lady.

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## C H A P. VIII.

*The Valet's stratagem succeeds agreeable to his wishes, when the Tutor is involved in the most distracting perplexity.*

**M**ISS Firetail had no sooner beheld Pimp, but she was seized with a very great surprize, on observing a physiognomy she had been so very well acquainted with ; and endeavouring to maintain her spirits, as well as possibly she could on the present occasion, addressed him in a very affable manner, demanding if he had any thing particularly secret to impart, as he had desired a private conference ; Upon which the Valet with a great deal of gravity told her, that he hoped she would not be affronted, at the presumption he had taken to visit her in this manner, as he once had the pleasure of knowing her, when she was intimately concerned with Sir William Cull, whom he had the honour formerly to serve, and would have still remained with, had he not been obliged to seek another master, on account of some particular circumstances, by no means a secret

to her ; that he knew how to behave himself better, than to divulge his knowledge of her to any one ; and he hoped, she would be so kind on her part, to indulge him in a favourable request that he was now come to solicit, as she could easily dispense with granting it, without the least detriment to herself ; and which would be matter of the most infinite pleasure to her humble suitor now present.

Miss Fanny had been too conversant with Pimp ever to forget him, and judged it materially necessary, to acquiesce to his desires if she possibly was able, lest by a refusal he might make public her former way of life, and by that means disappoint the advantageous views she had proposed at the University ; wherefore assuring him, she would do whatever she was capable of to serve him, desired an information of his request. The Valet was not a little rejoiced at this agreeable declaration ; and without farther ceremony acquainted her with the purport of his visit, representing the character both of his master and Blunderbuss, particularly informing her of the ungenerous behaviour of the latter to Mr. Buck ; in requital for which he hoped, by her assistance, he would meet with his  
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deserts ; and having now delivered the pedantic letter, which Miss Firetail could by no means comprehend, neither could Pimp arrive at the explanation of each word ; however intimated, that it was founded on this single circumstance, that the Tutor was deeply in love with her ; he therefore begged, she would return such an answer, as might entreat him to an interview, who would not fail willingly to embrace the offer ; and that when he was with her, she would ply him a little with wine, and use some dalliances (which he hinted she was a perfect mistress of) that might induce him to go to bed to her ; when by her permission, he hoped, that his master and himself, being acquainted with the appointed hour, might surprize him in so beautiful a situation, than which nothing could so perplex and aggravate Blunderbuss, as a transaction of this kind ; he therefore once more begged she would not hesitate to comply, as every thing would be carried on with the greatest secrecy ; and that she might depend on his honour (which he intimated she had often experienced) no one should ever be made acquainted with that manner of life, in which for some years she had been principally engaged.

This modest request of Pimp's did not a little startle Miss Firetail, who would willingly have been excused from so disagreeable an office, but the fear of having her former actions made public, if she refused, soon brought her to a compliance; she therefore acquainted him, that as she would oblige him in his request, on the consideration of his past services, she hoped he would be extremely cautious, to manage the affair with the most imaginable privacy, least it might be an impediment to executing some scheme, which she had long ago projected. The valet did not fail of renewing his protestations of fidelity and care, as a return for her great kindness; and having received her answer to Blunderbus's letter, which was to desire his company on the morrow evening, he left Fanny, not without the greatest joy on the success he had so happily met with. The Tutor was now expecting him with great impatience, revolving in his mind a variety of ideas on the fortune of his epistle, when he entered his chambers, the sight of whom did not a little add to the commotion of his spirits; he immediately enquired, if he had any letter, when Pimp produced the billet-doux; and no sooner had he informed himself of the contents,

tents, but he began to testify the great overflowing of his happiness, by cutting several very dextrous and significant capreoles about the room, to the no small diversion of the valet, who could not help amusing himself with the thoughts of that wonderful alteration, which would soon appear in his countenance, when detected by Jerry and himself, in the arms of so celebrated a lady as Miss Firetail. When the tutor's excessive joy had a little subsided, he informed Pimp, that he should ever retain a remembrance of his service, which he would repay, by whatever kindness he was able, to which the Valet returned his thanks, and having taken his leave, now hastened to his master, acquainting him with the proceedings that hitherto had been so fortunately atchieved.

The great joy which Blunderbuss entertained on the present occasion, affected him so much, that he could not sleep the whole night; he was continually thinking on that exquisite pleasure which he was in a few hours to receive, when in the company of Miss Fanny, whom he not only considered as a fine woman, but as an heiress to a very large estate. The agreeable letter he had received from her, raised



in him no small ambition ; he now entertained a still greater opinion of himself than ever, and considered the elegance of his style, as the principal accomplishment that recommended him to his mistress : With such imaginary absurdities he amused himself, 'till the much desired hour was come, which was to convey him to the company of his charmer, who had prepared every thing ready for his reception. The tutor did not tlay a moment after the expiration of the appointed time, and was most graciously received.

A supper was provided for the gratification of Blunderbuss, who did not forget to describe the impetuosity of his passion in the most sublime language he was master of, whilst Fanny did not pay much regard to his amorous expressions ; she was now occupied in administering to him the glass as often as conveniently she was able, the enamoured tutor always receiving it from her fair hand with some new compliment, 'till he had pretty well clouded the luminaries of his understanding, when our young goddess making use of some of those alluring blandishments (which she had so well studied when in the hundreds of Drury) soon vanquished  
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this unfortunate paramour, who began with great confidence to use some very indecent behaviour, and proposed their going to bed ; but receiving no answer, which he immediately construed into a consent, he now took the liberty, in a very rude manner, to unlace her stays, when being soon divested of her dress, without farther ceremony, she was by the tutor conducted to bed ; where he himself soon after repaired, not without the most sensible ideas on so favourable an opportunity.

He had not long enjoyed himself in his present situation, when he was dreadfully surprized on hearing some one entering the chamber ; but judge his still greater astonishment when the curtains were drew open, and presented to his view the well-known face of Mr. Buck, together with the brazen countenance of the valet, who had been love's harbinger in this amorous intrigue. Miss Fanny, on the approach of these two gentlemen, concealed herself from view ; which the amazed Mr. Blunderbuss endeavoured at likewise, but was prevented by his pupil, who upbraided him with the villainy of his late behaviour, remarking that his infamous way of proceeding, would in its turn be also exposed,

posed, which Mr. Positive should most certainly be acquainted with; and then wished him a *bon repos*, after having imparted some very curious and entertaining observations on the present occasion, leaving him to the uneasy reflections of a despairing mind.





## C H A P. IX:

*Mr. Buck receives a very submissive behaviour from his Tutor, who unfortunately experiences a disorder, which is productive of strange contingencies.*

**T**HIS accident so unexpected by the tutor, soon brought him to his former senses; the great fright that he had undergone, dispersed the fumes of the liquor he had before received, which being now quite evaporated, nothing but remorse and shame filled him with the most unhappy cogitations: He exclaimed against the villainy of Pimp, for so ungenerously betraying him; and addressing himself to Fanny (who could scarce refrain from laughter on so entertaining a scene) begged the favour of her advice; who intimated, that his immediate departure from the house would be very necessary, least perhaps his pupil might return with many of his associates, to receive an additional pleasure by exposing him to others. This advice was esteemed the most salutary on so critical a juncture, which he did not long hesitate to put in execution,

execution, by expeditiously retreating from the arms of his Dulcinea, to the contemplative recesses of his own chambers in the college, where he meditated on the disagreeable effects that this wretched amour seemed so very likely to portend.

As this unfortunate adventurer had not slept the last night, through his excessive joy on visiting Miss Firetail on the morrow, so he was now no less hindered from closing his eyes, through the unhappy consequences of that very circumstance which he lately had so much desired. He was now forming as many plans to extricate himself from this dilemma, as he before had been busied in his attempts to effect it : One while he hoped to make up a reconciliation, and by that means enjoin the secrecy of his pupil ; but on the other hand was again diffident of success, as he had so exasperated him by the representations of his late conduct to his uncle : In short, the distraction of Blunderbuss on the present misfortune is ineffable ; no one ever experienced a severer conflict between the two passions, hope and fear, than the tutor's indeterminate and perplexed sentiments maintained in his fluctuating breast.

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Mr. Buck the next day renewed his visit at Miss Firetail's lodgings, to whom he was not deficient in giving his repeated assurances of a continual remembrance for the great favour she had done him ; and hoped without making the least apology, she would accept of a small present that he had brought her of five guineas, which he insisted on her taking (notwithstanding his finances were then extremely low) when after the acceptance of this gratuity, he endeavoured to use some amorous familiarities with her, but was desired to desist at the present, for some very material reasons, which the condition of the tutor would very soon convince him of: He immediately took the hint, and being now assured that a sufficient revenge had been executed on Blunderbuss, he prepared to pay him a visit, that he might scrutinize a little more into the contents of the letter which had been sent to his uncle on his misconduct ; each syllable of which he believed he might extract, as he was now certain he would discover to him any thing whatever, so he might enjoy his secrecy of this last transaction ; he therefore took his leave of Miss Firetail, not without assuring her no one should ever be acquainted with the least particular that might cause any mistrust of her common occupation.

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No sooner had he entered the chambers of the tutor, but he stood like one aghast at the uncommon appearance of his doleful situation ; he had placed himself in a large elbow-chair, having his head declined on his breast, and overwhelmed with so lethargick a stupor, that Jerry really imagined he no longer existed ; when the penetrative voice of Mr. Buck soon raised him from his melancholly contemplation, and filled him with still greater horrors, on the approach of one whom he so excessively dreaded, that with the most submissive humiliation, he now addressed himself to the object of his fear ; and with great earnestness implored his pardon for the ill treatment he had been guilty of towards him, which he promised to atone for in future, by suffering him to act as it should be most agreeable to his own desires, without interfering in his proceedings, or representing them to his uncle ; and therefore humbly begged he would not expose him by discovering his unhappy adventure, and by that means injure his reputation, which in his present employ, if once lost, would in all probability never be regained. The disposition of our hero was endued with too great a share

share of humanity and good-nature, than to effect the ruin of Mr. Blunderbuss, who, he was very certain, would be reduced to a state of indigence, if he divulged his unjustifiable proceedings; he therefore told him, he would repay his ingratitude with good services, by acquainting no one with what had past; and then demanded a genuine account of his letter to Mr. Positive, which the Tutor immediately described, not forgetting to extenuate the severity of his representation from what it really was, thinking to soften the resentment of Mr. Buck, who by that means might not consider him so very culpable.

After having received this particular information, he began to reflect seriously on the displeasure of his uncle, whom he knew to be so inflexible in his resolutions, as he almost despaired of ever bringing him to a reconciliation; and what still greatly added to his inquietude, was the unhappy prospect of his being debarred from the company of Miss Lovely, as he was well assured the resentment of his uncle would likewise occasion the prejudice of Mr. Gripe; he was determined therefore, to send Pimp in a few days with a submissive letter to his guardian; but before the departure

parture of his valet an accident intervened, which gave a very extraordinary change to the present postre of affairs.

Mr. Blunderbuss was somewhat comforted by his pupil's promise of retention, he had already experienced Pimp to be so firmly attached to his master, that Mr. Buck's promising this affair should be kept secret, was sufficient to secure the taciturnity of his servant. He now pleased himself with the hopes of his amorous adventure being never rendered public, when (how adverse is the fate of many) the consequences arising from his connected alliance with Miss Firetail, began to display their efficacy in a most violent degree, and plainly indicated his great need of some chirurgical operation. This malign accident conveyed such prevalent mortification to his mind, that he now no longer judged it safe to remain at Oxford; and that same night packed up whatever he was possessed of, which by the assistance of a porter was secretly conveyed from the college; and having a post-chaise ready, he hastned with the most imaginable expedition to London, where he entrusted himself to the medicinal power; and being once again recover'd, thought it impossible  
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he could remain in England unknown; and as he had now forfeited his good name by so shameful a retreat, he had not any visible way of subsistence in future; wherefore having privately left London, he set out for Dover, and from thence arrived in France; where on his abjuring the protestant religion, he was received into the English college of Jesuits, at the city of St. Omers.



## C H A P. X.

*Wherein our heroe finds himself in a condition, that is by no means uncommon at the university.*

**T**HIS sudden departure of Mr. Blunderbuss, attracted greatly the attention of Jerry, who was not a little surprized at the private secession of his tutor ; he made many efforts by enquiry to find out the place of his retreat, but could not by any means receive the least intelligence ; he thought it therefore very necessary to inform Mr. Positive of his present situation, and attempt to soften his displeasure by hinting, that the person who had so vilely represented his behaviour had himself eloped ; as he believed this might be of some efficacy towards the regaining his esteem, Pimp was dispatched with a letter to his uncle, charged at the same time with another to Miss Lovely, which he was to deliver with the strictest caution, lest he should be discovered by her watchful guardian, who would by that means frustrate the agreeable scheme which he one day hoped to put in execution. The valet having received these commands, made great expedition in his journey,

journey, and delivered the epistle to Mr. Positive, which he at first refused to accept, as coming from his nephew; but by the entreaty of his friend Gripe, was at length prevailed on to open it, which did not a little operate in raising his astonishment to a very elevated pitch, when he read the following contents.

HONOURED SIR,

**M**Y Tutor, who so lately represented me to you as guilty of the worst practices, has absconded from college, and is gone no one knows whither: An action of this kind, I hope will induce you to believe his information was false, and hinder you from entertaining any longer a suspicion of my ill behaviour: I entreat the favour of your advice in my present situation, and your kindness likewise in sending by Pimp my usual allowance,

I am,

honoured Sir,

your most dutiful,

and obedient nephew,

JERRY BUCK.

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Altho' this account of the tutor's behaviour might have caused many to disbelieve his representation of our hero, yet it could not make the least impression on the resolute Mr. Positive, who did not at all doubt the veracity of what he had been acquainted with on the misconduct of his nephew, and was determined to write him no answer, nor supply him with his former allowance of money, which he now greatly diminished from the usual sum: Many attempts were made use of to impose on Pimp, in order to extract from him a recital of his master's proceedings, but his attachment was impregnable, neither the promise of a reward, or the threats of a removal from his place, could induce him to betray the least particle which had been entrusted to his fidelity: These efforts being rendered quite useless, Mr. Gripe, by his earnest desire, was allowed the liberty of writing to our adventurer, for whom a new tutor was proposed, who might better regulate his own conduct, and superintend the actions of his pupil with greater severity than the former; as this new pedagogue lived in the remotest part of Cornwall, it was judged proper that the valet should be immediately sent back, furnished with

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his new instructions, which he was well assured would not be very well relished by his master, as his usual stipend was greatly lessened, which Mr. Positive infallibly thought would be the surest means to depress the jollity of his career, and be an impediment to the irregularity of his proceedings in future.

The trusty messenger did not forget to use the greatest circumspection in performing his embassy to Miss Charlotte, who received the billet-doux with inexpressive joy; and having privately retired to inform herself of the contents, felt the most agreeable raptures which the reception of a kind letter from the man whom most she lov'd could possibly inspire; she was not deficient to impart by way of answer her seasonable advice, conjuring him by all the tenderness of their mutual love, not precipitately to commit any action, which might still be a greater aggravation to the resentment of his uncle. When the valet had thus executed his commission he set out for the university, not without an aching heart, on anticipating the consequences which he expected would accrue from the diminution of his master's usual allowance, whose disposition he was so very well acquainted

acquainted with, as convinced him he would not easily brook the rigid treatment of his uncle, but pursue some inconsiderate scheme, which would rather augment than alleviate the unhappiness of his affairs.

Mr. Buck was not at this time devoid of many troubles, which greatly discomposed his temper; those to whom he owed money did not a little add to his perplexity, by their being very importunate for their debts, and he considered his credit inevitably lost, if he did not soon receive a supply; his ambition would not suffer him to condescend to the acceptance of any treats that might be offered him by his fellow collegians, this obliged him to keep close to his chambers, until the return of Pimp, at whose coming he hoped that his apprehensions would be quite dissipated, and he might then reassume his usual behaviour, by revisiting the fraternity, which he did not so much frequent, since his finances had been so very near exhausted.

Whilst he was thus employing his thoughts on the arrival of his golden treasure, how greatly did his happy expectations vanish, when the valet acquainted him



him with Mr. Positive's determinate resolutions, which he was soon too well convinced of, by the contents of the letter; the effects of which so excited his resentment, that he bid defiance to the authority of his uncle, tore the epistle in pieces, as a mark of the disdain he set on it, made use of some extravagant imprecations on the promoters of his disquietude, and behaved with such vehemency of anger, as raised in Pimp no small consternation, lest he might experience the weight of his displeasure, who had been the envoy of so unsuccessful a negotiation.



## C H A P. XI.

*Mr. Buck leaves Oxford, and arrives at the metropolis, where he is initiated into the maxims of the Bloods, and commences an acquaintance with a most distinguished petit-maitre.*

THE disagreeable expressions contained in this last epistle, so violently disturbed his mind, that he was determined to make no longer stay at the university, but proceed immediately in his course to London, whose fame for delightful entertainments of all kinds, did not a little prompt him to his resolves; but he was destitute of that grand source which was to acquire his pleasures, he had not a supply of money sufficient to defray the charges that naturally would accrue on so expensive an expedition; this he endeavoured to remedy by the sale of his books, and a few other particulars, which being converted into cash, amounted to one hundred and twenty pounds, with which sum, without previously acquainting any one with his intentions, he together with Pimp left Oxford, and on his journey sent  
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a letter to the master of the college, informing him that he should not return any more, having some private reasons, which he had no necessity to communicate for his secession from the university.

This scheme so rashly enter'd on, rais'd in the valet some very horrible ideas ; he well knew the circumstances of Mr. Buck, who could not claim his fortune till of age, of which he wanted more than twelve months, and that the sum he was now possessed of would not continue but for a short time ; this dismal prospect a little discomposed his alacrity, and filled him with gloomy anticipations of future want, but he was soon after freed from his uneasiness, when he found that his master could be supplied with money by advancing a premium suitable to the modest request of some befriending usurer.

Tho' our adventurer was perfectly unacquainted with the maxims of the town, yet he found a most accurate instructor in his valet, who was quite an adept in every branch of gaiety that the libertine would willingly pursue ; there was not a house remarkable for any divertisement whatever, but he knew the methods of procedure ;



he had made so great a proficiency in his many searches, and researches in order to find out the habitation of the fine ladies of pleasure; that he had a catalogue when he left London, of the names of near three hundred, together with the lodgings they then resided at; a part of which he doubted not but he could easily meet with at this time, tho' he judiciously observed, a very short continuancy of life was too generally incident to ladies of their profession.

Under the auspices of so instructive a gentleman as Mr. Pimp, our hero did not long remain in London, before he was a compleat master in every particular branch that constitutes the rake, and was soon initiated into the doctrines of a very numerous society, vulgarly stiled Bloods, which being a term perhaps that may not be universally understood, we shall endeavour to illustrate it by the following explanation: The Bloods are a set of young fellows who are generally distinguished by a peculiarity of behaviour in their extravagant proceedings, and who are for the most part quite aliens to the dictates of reason, and entertain not so great an aversion to any thing as common-sense;

fense; to commit a disturbance at a tavern, by kicking down the tables, breaking the china and glasses, and laying the poor waiter on the fire, has been look'd on by the fraternity as a most glorious action; and to trip up the heels of an old feeble watchman has likewise been characterized as the most consummate heroism: neither are the theatres free from the attacks of these courageous gentlemen, who not only consider themselves men of superior valour to the rest of the world, but of far greater abilities likewise in point of judgment, and set up their approbation or dislike, as the criterion of what is represented on the stage, which must be either saved or damned according to the impertinent dictates of their whimsical caprice; such is the ridiculous folly that so evidently displays itself in their behaviour, which is deduced principally from a motive of appearing singular; since to deviate from the ordinary practice of mankind is by too many considered as a mark of superior understanding; altho' the major part of this society have their heads not very well furnished, or little to recommend them but their money, yet our hero was in this respect an exception to the general rule; his intellectual faculties were

by no means defective, and tho' he was guilty of the most inconsiderate behaviour, yet in this particular he had the advantage of the greatest part of his brethren by escaping the imputation of a stupid fellow; a dulness of apprehension being generally the principal attribute of those, who are stigmatized by the appellation of a Blood.

The money which Mr. Buck had brought with him from Oxford, being not a very large sum, a few bacchanalian proceedings at the tavern, with the addition of some small considerations distributed amongst the blooming Sacharissa's of the town, soon dissipated his whole stock: This dilemma at first greatly chagrined his temper, and imparted no small uneasiness, till he was informed of the usual method that others, when in his situation, generally pursue. As he was heir to a considerable fortune, Mr. Fleechim an usurer in the city, made no scruple to advance him a thousand pounds on the following conditions, which our hero did not long hesitate to comply with, through the prevailing instinct of mere necessity; he was immediately to refund three hundred pounds as a premium for the thousand, to give a bond for the payment of the whole sum of one thousand,

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at the end of twelve months, bearing interest at five per cent. and to insure his life for that time, at the expiration of which he would be of age: Most inequitable conditions! but they are such as too generally are made use of, when the extortioner finds an opportunity of meeting with one, who is obliged to acquiesce to any proposals that might be offered for an immediate supply on some emergent occasion.

Flushed with the acquisition of so large a sum, he soon found sufficient means to indulge his most sensual desires; every thing was ready to his call, when armed with so powerful an instrument as money; he now very frequently visited the theatres, by which means he became known to a new character, whose foppishness of dress, and oddity of behaviour greatly enhanced his curiosity; the many insignificant gesticulations he made use of, soon discovered to Mr. Buck the genius and disposition of his new acquaintance, whose affectedness of carriage gave him sufficient reason to believe that he had now met with one of the most egregious petit-maitres of the age.

## C H A P. XII.

*He prevails on Mr. Dapper to accompany him to a Tavern, who has great reason to repent his accepting the invitation.*

**J**EMMY Dapper (the name of this new associate of Mr. Buck) was one of those delicate young gentlemen, whose chief delight consists in the study of dress, and whose sole employment has scarce a tendency to any thing but such effeminate pursuits ; he had not a very great propensity to be conversant with many of his own sex, their behaviour being so ferocious and uncouth, as rendered it incompatible with that delicateffe which he professed himself endued with ; to prevent therefore so great an inconveniency, he used chiefly to dedicate his hours to the company of the fair sex, haranguing very learnedly on the different fashions that succeed each other, and the many frequent revolutions that happen in the empire of dress : no sooner had an advertisement described the efficacy of any restorative to supply some personable defects, but Mr. Dapper was an immediate purchaser,

purchaser, by which means no one was ever better acquainted with such variety of remedies to beautify the skin, and correct the imperfections of nature; to the investigation of such useful discoveries, was the study of this young gentleman principally confined.

As this character was diversely opposite to the sentiments of Mr. Buck, it is not to be supposed, their intimacy could be of any long duration: The alliance was maintained for some little time, when our hero finding how disagreeable were the fop's proceedings, as his own inclinations were of a different bent, he was resolved to find out some pretext in order to be delivered from so troublesome an acquaintance.

Notwithstanding Mr. Dapper almost daily visited his friend, yet he could not be prevailed on to accompany him to a tavern; so great was his dislike to houses of that kind, that he ever avoided them as productive of the worst consequences, and exclaimed often against the want of taste in most of the young fellows of the age, who so injudiciously waste their time at such repositories of drunkenness and debauchery, when there were so many amusing and delightful



lightful pleasures to divert the mind ; such as the gentle conversation of the ladies, the resort to publick entertainments, with many other agreeable and innocent pursuits, which suited better the soft and delicate contexture of those, who did neither chuse to contaminate their inside by the stinking fumes of tobacco, or distract their brains by that brutal clamour and disturbance generally raised in so savage an assembly : But altho' this fine gentleman was so very averse to that recreation which generally presides at the tavern, he was at length, with great entreaty, prevailed on to favour Mr. Buck with his company one evening, when there was a convention of the choicest Bloods that our hero was acquainted with : A most splendid supper was provided on the occasion, when Mr. Dapper being introduced by his friend, was very respectfully saluted by the whole company, and wellcom'd as a partaker of their friendly entertainment.

The behaviour of these sons of jollity, did not at all quadrate with the inclinations of the fop, who began to testify his uneasiness to Mr. Buck, by whispering him in the ear, that he should be extremely glad to take his leave ; but he was informed by  
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Jerry, that he could not by any means agree to his proposals, since his secession from the company would plainly shew a dislike, and by that means be construed as an affront, which perhaps would not be attended with such agreeable consequences as he might desire; this occasioned him to desist from any farther sollicitation, and entertaining terrible ideas of the iracundity of these boistrous gentlemen, thought proper to make himself as contented as he could under the affliction of so aggravating a circumstance.

When a few hours had elapsed, the pusillanimity of Mr. Dapper was greatly augmented, he now with the most anxious reflections perceived, that the prevalency of the much liquor, which had been imbibed, so raised in each choice genius an elevation of spirits, that the tumultuous disorders generally incident on such occasions, began to display themselves in a very eminent degree: It was now proposed by a majority to commit their wigs to the fire, which instantly was performed by the whole company; in vain did the unfortunate Mr. Dapper remonstrate at so rash a proceeding, his peruke which had been adjusted with the strictest nicety, for his present appearance,

appearance, soon expired a victim to the voracious flames, whilst the owner stood a most rueful spectator of its inauspicious blaze.

No sooner had this action been achieved, but it was seconded by raising a most violent schism amongst the glasses and punch-bowls, which by overturning the table were shivered in a thousand pieces; the cabal being thus commenced did not fail of putting the master of the house in some commotion, who in order to quell the violency of their proceedings, sent out to collect a body of watchmen, but they being apprized of this design by the intimation of Pimp (who was there waiting for the departure of his master) were determined to fall out into the street in a full body, without taking the least concern to discharge the reckoning, and by that means disappoint the intentions of those, who would surprize them with the magisterial power: This scheme was immediately put in execution, and most happily succeeded, agreeable to their desires; each was so fortunate to escape, but the timorous Mr. Dapper, who was seized with such convulsive agonies on their proposals, that he measured his length on the floor,  
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in which condition he was found by the servants, and with much difficulty recovered to his senses; but how still greater was his astonishment, when he found himself obliged to cancel the whole expence, which did not amount to a very trifling sum; this he either was forced to do or appear before a magistrate on the morrow, when adjudging it more prudent to defray the charges that had been contracted, than be exposed as a party concerned in so riotous a disturbance; he satisfied the master of the house for the damages he had sustained, and having ordered a chair was conveyed to his lodgings, not without inflicting the severest curses on Mr. Buck, for introducing him to the company of such brutes, who had deprived him of a large sum of money, demolished his most becoming peruke, and so filled him with the vapours as he despaired of ever being again recovered.

## C H A P.

C H A P. XIII.

*The Fop attempts to be revenged on our adventurer, and is publickly rewarded for his cowardly proceedings.*

MR. Dapper so much resented the ill treatment he had received from his new acquaintance, that he was resolved to be avenged on him by some means or other; in order therefore to determine on an expedient, he communicated what had happened to some of his most particular intimates, members of the same honourable class with himself, who assembled in an especial meeting, to propose the method of revenge on so important an occasion; when Billy Gymp having first contracted his mouth, observed with a most affected lisp, that it was prodigious rude a gentleman should meet with so dishonourable a treatment from such savage creatures, who had not the least notion of any thing polite; and as that monster Buck had been the author of so unpardonable an affront, he would advise Mr. Dapper to send him a challenge, that he might check his audacity for so presumptuous a proceeding.

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This scheme was greatly disapproved of by several of the assembly, who would not upon any terms acquiesce to such a proposal ; intimating that it was far beneath the character of Mr. Dapper, as a man of quality, to condescend to so low an extreme of humility, by challenging a person that was not absolutely worthy to receive correction at his hands ; they would advise him therefore to employ some fellow, who, for the value of a trifling sum would inflict on him a sound drubbing ; by this means he would be sufficiently revenged for the injury received, without demeaning himself to engage personally with one, who was not deserving of so great an honour. This last expedient was with great eagerness embraced by the fop, who for some peculiar reasons chose rather to engage his antagonist by proxy, than hazard the identity of his own person.

A chairman was accordingly provided for this purpose, who being made acquainted with the usual resort of the person he was to attack, waited in ambush to receive him, as he passed : Mr. Buck was this evening at the tavern where he had been engaged in his late frolick, in order to discharge what  
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he imagined was their due, but finding the whole cancelled by Mr. Dapper, designed on the morrow to repay what he had expended; and being now on his return home, quite unapprized of an assailant, he was in some sort of consternation at receiving a most violent blow across the shoulders, which was repeated a second time before he had an opportunity of finding out from what quarter it proceeded; but no sooner did he behold his adversary, than he quickly disarmed him of his weapon, and was not negligent in repaying doubly the blows: The aggressor began now to supplicate his mercy, intimating, that he was not a thief, as perhaps he might consider him, but a poor chairman, whom Mr. Dapper had procured for a guinea, to assault him in this manner; our hero was quite thunderstruck at this piece of intelligence, and desisting from any farther correction, after a few interrogations gave the fellow his liberty, charging him not to discover the consequences of his assault, which he very readily promised should be secret, and then committed himself to flight, not without the most aggravating perplexity on so unhappy an encounter.

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Mr. Buck could not help reflecting on what had passed, and did not at this time so much wonder at the fop's discontinuing his visits, since the adventure at the tavern; he now entertained a still greater abhorrence of his mean and dastardly spirit, and hoped he might soon be favoured with an opportunity of exposing him for his cowardice; which not long after he had the pleasure of performing, in a manner that diverted a very numerous croud of spectators: The chairman in compliance with the injunctions he had received, did not forget to represent his combat quite different from what it really was; he observed on the great success of his enterprise, that altho' he himself had received some blows, yet they were severely repaid, and that he had so cautiously behaved in this affair, that there was not the least apprehension of its ever being discovered: This last assertion was greatly pleasing to the ears of the beau, who being very conscious of his cowardly proceedings, well knew that if they should be made known, he would find the remedy he had taken, worse than the disease itself; as he had therefore been so well assured, that every thing was most secretly transacted, it gave him

an entire satisfaction, which alas, was soon annihilated by the following most disagreeable adventure.

Mr. Dapper according to his common employ, was one evening attending on two very handsome young ladies in the Mall, learnedly discoursing on his usual topicks, when he was espied at some distance by Mr. Buck, who was in company with two of the most egregious Bloods of his acquaintance; the sight of one whom he so much despised, renewed his resentment, when, now being very close to the fop, (who on his part was no less agitated by a conscious fear) he addressed him by observing that altho' he was such a coward to employ another to avenge his quarrel, yet his antagonist should act much more honourably, who for his mean behaviour, was now come to take him publicly by the nose; which our hero instantly performed, and so firmly held him, that all the efforts he could make use of to disentangle himself, were to no purpose; in this woeful and dishonourable plight, he led him some few yards following like a reluctant calf, and muttering some incoherent expressions, 'till at length, being once more at liberty, he received a few salutes



salutes at his posteriors, when he was left to his own peculiar choice, either to rejoin the young ladies company, or by his departure to avoid the laughter of the many spectators there present; which last he very prudently embraced, and declining his delicate countenance, retreated from public view as expeditiously as he was able, surrounded with the most excruciating ideas on the treatment he had so ignominiously sustained.



## CHAP.

## C H A P. XIV.

*Mr. Buck accidentally meets with Miss Firetail, who commences the narration of her adventures.*

**T**HIS punishment so beautifully inflicted on the fop, did not fail of inspiring our adventurer with the most pleasing cogitations; he apologized to the two young ladies for his so tenaciously adhering to that most prominent part of Mr. Dapper's face, by which means he had deprived them of his company, but flatter'd himself they would not censure his conduct, when they knew the motives that prompted him to this expedient; which the females were no sooner acquainted with, but they equally expressed a dislike of the beau's mean behaviour, intimating that he had often introduced himself into their company, tho' by no means agreeable to their desires, and very frequently occasioned great trouble to other ladies of their acquaintance, by his impertinent proceedings: Whether this was delivered from their being ashamed of Mr. Dapper's company, or from a view of commencing

comencing an acquaintance with our hero, he did not at this time attempt to investigate, and having taken his leave rejoined his two associates (who had been waiting at some distance, during his conference with the ladies) when they now took several turns in the Mall, not without having their auditive faculties very agreeably saluted by the many commendatory whispers they heard on the late action practised with the beau, which occasioned no small vanity in the breast of Mr. Buck, who was soon after left by his companions; and it being now near the dusk of evening, he very seriously pursued his walk, contemplating the present posture of his affairs, when he felt some sort of surprize, on receiving a salute from a young lady extremely well dressed, who accosted him in a very complaisant manner, by observing that she was surprized he should amuse himself thus alone, which was generally productive of such pensive thoughts; and too often absorbed the mind in the most gloomy and disagreeable reflections.

These hints delivered with a very peculiar air, were sufficient to discover the bent and disposition of the lady, which our hero very easily distinguished, and tho' he



he had not an opportunity of viewing perfectly the system of her face, yet as she appeared handsomely equipped he was resolved to invite her to a bagnio, which she most candidly agreed to ; but judge how great was the astonishment of both, when the light discovered each others well-known physiognomy : This was no other than the celebrated miss Firetail, who not finding matters agreeable to her wishes at Oxford, had returned to her old resort the town, for the usual prosecution of her ladyship's employ ; as this courtesan was endued with her share of beauty, as has been already observed, Mr. Buck entertained some liking to her company, when after having regaled themselves with a good supper, Miss Fanny by our hero's peculiar desire, was prevailed on to relate the transactions of her life, which she very readily complied with in the following manner :

I am the daughter of a very worthy clergyman, who lived at a small village in the county of Salop, and who having no other child than myself, took great pains in giving me a very genteel education, and was perpetually careful of my wellfare, as I was deprived of my mother whilst an infant : I remained till I was fifteen years of

of age with my father, who at the death of his wife provided a female relation to manage his domestick affairs, and to whose care my behaviour was principally entrusted: It was now that I might be said to feel a most unsullied happiness, and entertained not the least idea of what an anxious perplexity could produce in any human breast; it was at this time that I was a stranger to those many and distracting miseries that I have since experienced, and which generally attend on ladies of my profession. Whilst I was thus devoid of so unhappy a state, my father was more than usually visited by one, whose dishonourable principles soon after divested me of the tranquility I enjoyed, and was the fatal instrument of my future ruin.

The person who so unhappily effected my disgrace, was possessed of a very large estate in the neighbourhood, and had presented my father to the living which he then held, who out of his usual gratitude was extremely well pleased, when he received any visit from one, who had been so great a benefactor; and as he considered him his patron, was very diligent in executing whatever he might imagine would be agreeable to his desires: I did not long  
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escape the particular attention of my father's guest, who expressed the most profound regard for me imaginable, and as he had no children at this time living, desired the permission of taking me into his own family, that I might be as a companion to his lady, intimating that it was his design to be of singular service to me in future by giving me a fortune suitable to the education I had received: My father did not long hesitate in complying with his request, and tho' it gave him some disquiet to be separated from me, yet the pleasing hope of the advantage that might accrue from it, over-ballanced his uneasiness, and I was soon after removed to my new habitation, entertaining the most agreeable sensations on the honour I received by my admission into so grand a family.

Before the expiration of a few months, my guardian (as he most unjustly stiled himself) began to use some very indecent behaviour on all occasional opportunities, that filled me with the greatest surprize: he was upwards of forty years of age, and had been long married to his present lady, by whom he had received several children, but as none were now living, he gave me repeated assurances of his continual favour  
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and protection, provided I would condescend to his desires, but in vain did he attempt many efforts to prevail on my determinate resolves; neither his persuasive eloquence, or the allurements of the many presents offered me could in the least stagger the fixed purposes I had embraced; when being in so unhappy a dilemma, I projected an escape to my father's house, to whom I might discover what had been so villainously intended for my disgrace; but so wretched was my destiny, that before I could meet with a convenient opportunity, my undoer succeeded in a scheme that he had concerted for the attainment of those desires, which he had long ineffectually attempted to receive.



## C H A P. XV.

*In which Miss Firetail continues the relation of her adventures.*

W H E N he now found that all the endeavours he had taken to gain my consent by fair means were to no purpose ; he took an opportunity of surprizing me one evening when I was alone, and after having begged pardon for the many sollicitations he had used that I might acquiesce to his unjust proposals, assured me, he never would be troublesome to my repose by any farther suit, and hoped I would therefore forgive what was past on his promise of desisting from such behaviour in future : These assertions gave me a most infinite satisfaction, and so prone was my disposition to forgiveness, that I immediately banished the dislike I owed him on his late behaviour, and began once again to conceive the same grateful love to the benefactor of my family as before, but little did I imagine these acknowledgments of his ill behaviour were calculated for so base

base an intent, as I soon after was too unhappily convinced of.

He now proposed as we were on very amicable terms, to finish our jarring disagreements by drinking a glass to the continuation of that friendship we had so lately recommenced, adding that he had a bottle of most exquisite wine, which should be dedicated to that purpose, as nothing ever contributed a greater satisfaction to his mind, than my indulgence in forgiving what he had so rashly attempted; when being blinded with these specious pretences, I was prevailed on to drink a glass of the liquor he presented me with, and which was purely composed for the purposes he designed, whose principal ingredient was a most violent spirituous liquor, the burning taste of which was greatly taken off by the mixture of a large quantity of sugar, which occasioned an agreeable sweetness, and made it very palatable to those who were unaccustomed to the drinking liquors of so strong and intoxicating a nature: He did not fail to administer a second glass, which with much entreaty I was at length prevailed on to receive, whose efficacy in a very little time so powerfully operated, that I was



not capable of knowing what I did ; my head seemed quite giddy, and being overpowered with a dizziness of the brain, was soon divested of my senses, which I did not recover until many hours after, when I found myself in bed with the wretch who had used this artifice for the attainment of his inglorious desires ; and I cannot, sir, but observe the inconsistent boasting of many of your sex, who consider themselves wonderfully victorious, if by any means they can thus meanly gratify their inclinations, when they endeavour not to acquire our consent by any open and generous behaviour, but wait cowardly for an advantage of possessing the body, when they are far from making the least impression whatever on the heart.

When I now experienced what an unhappy situation I was engaged in, I attempted to get loose from his embraces, but he would by no means suffer me to prosecute my design, assuring me that the great love which he entertained on my account had occasioned his behaving in this manner, and that it was now to no purpose for me to continue my resentment, as it would only aggravate my present circumstances, and occasion his making my

my infamy publick to the world, which he would ever conceal if I would desist from any farther opposition, concluding this comfortable advice by imprinting many kisses on my face, which was now bedewed with tears of agony and despair for the cruel treatment I had received: I made no answer to the many fawning expressions he used, and was soon after left by him to meditate on the miserable consequences, that I was afraid would too certainly happen from the disgrace I had so wretchedly sustained.

His wife this fatal evening had been to visit one of her relations at a few miles distant, which greatly facilitated his project; he had likewise bribed the servant who generally attended on me, to assist him in his villainy; fraught therefore with two such favourable opportunities, it is not to be wondered that he easily prevailed on so defenceless an opponent. At the return of his lady I was oftentimes by her questioned on that pensiveness which appeared so remarkable in my countenance, but I had not the courage to discover the true reason of my inquietude, and so great was the terror I underwent from the fearful apprehension of having my ignominy

made known, that I did not ever after refuse to comply with his demands, lest by my denial he should be likewise the cause of divulging my disgrace, as he had been the author of its commission; thus I continued in this melancholy situation, until I began to discover too visible signs of pregnancy, to escape much longer the observation of those that were about me, which, being taken notice of by my perjured ravisher, prompted him to be guilty of a worse crime if possible than he had hitherto committed.

He was now very certain his villainy would be soon detected, and occasion no small disturbance in the family, as it would likewise discover the meanness of soul with which he was endued, in violating the most sacred ties of faith reposed in him from my father, by committing so flagrant an action on one, whom he pretended to take under his immediate protection; to remedy all which unhappy consequences on his part, he employed one of his domesticks, who for a pecuniary reward was to averr he had debauched me soon after my admission into the family, and had maintained an intercourse with me ever since: A declaration of which the servant soon made



made publick, and offered himself ready to attest it by oath; this presumptuous proceeding gave me a still greater shock than I had hitherto experienced: In vain did I attempt to prove who was the true author of my unhappiness, not a single circumstance that I could advance to strengthen my assertion was of the least effect. I was not only considered as a strumpet, but as one guilty of the vilest ingratitude, by endeavouring to make a dissention between a gentleman and his lady, who had been my greatest benefactors; and in this miserable despondency was sent to my father's house, who was quite distracted on the account which he had heard of my infamous proceeding.

It is not easy, sir, to form an idea of the miserable state to which I was now reduced, by the perfidy of the very worst of men, who to secrete his villainy had suborned another to undergo the imputation of the crime he had committed, and by that means had encreased doubly my affliction; these aggravating circumstances were soon the effect of an abortion, which was followed by the death of my only parent, whose tenderness for my reputation had been so severely shocked by the

present accident, that he could not survive so excruciating a stroke, and I have too great reason to believe that my being the sole cause of his death has been productive of the many deserving miseries I have since experienced.

Here Fanny could not help shedding a few tears, notwithstanding she had been long a stranger to any pathetick influence, when after a short interruption in which Mr. Buck was not deficient to animate her spirits, by observing according to the usual manner, that what has been is irrecoverable, and to be unhappy for the past is only rendering the present more disagreeable, she thus re-assumed the narration of her adventures.



## C H A P. XVI.

*The history of Miss Firetail continued.*

**B**Y the death of my father I received an additional weight to my misfortunes, the hopes of an easy subsistence in future were now entirely vanished; and as I had not ever been used to any servile employ, I entertained but a dismal prospect of living in a continual drudgery, nevertheless had not the least expectation of any thing but what I might acquire from my future labour: I now found myself in a state of indigence as well as infamy, two such horrible companions, that I endeavoured to avoid the one by retiring where my disgrace was not known, and if possibly ward off the other by getting into some service, which I hoped to procure in London, and by that means live more comfortably with strangers, than where my late unhappiness was still the subject of publick conversation.

This plan I soon after attempted to execute by my departure for the metropolis, where I arrived after a very slow and tedious



dious progression, but still had numerous perplexities to engage with, as not being acquainted with a single person in so populous a city, to whom I might apply in my unhappy circumstances; this occasioned me to solicit the mistress of the inn (where I now was) for the liberty of remaining at her house, which she not only candidly complied with, but assisted me likewise with her interest, so that I could have been soon admitted into some very good families, had I not been destitute of a character; each scrupling to receive me on that single but very important consideration, till an old gentlewoman one day on an information given her that there was a very agreeable country girl destitute of a place, offered to receive me without any recommendation, as she pretended my principles of honesty were sufficiently shewn by the prettyness of my looks, which in reality appeared to her very advantageous for the purposes she designed me.

I embraced her offer with great eagerness, and was conducted in a coach to my mistress's house in company with herself, who behaved with a most obliging civility, giving me repeated assurances of her continual esteem on my obedience to her will,

will, which I quite ignorant of her maxims, as positively answered her in the affirmative: Our preliminaries being thus agreed on, I was somewhat surprized on my arrival to this new habitation in meeting with a great number of my own sex, who at my appearance began to indulge their laughter in a very extraordinary manner, which occasioned me to believe this was no other than some boarding school for young ladies, which in one sense I soon found to be very true, tho' it was solely dedicated to the exercise of libidinous inclinations.

For some few days I was engaged in my servile employ, which I managed with great awkwardness, as being unaccustomed to such sort of work, and I could not help taking particular notice of the uncommon transactions practised in this family, being surprized at the entrance of so many young gentlemen, who were perpetually knocking at the door, and no sooner did any one retire from the house, but he was quickly after succeeded by another: Such an oddity of proceedings which I could not by any means account for, did not fail of inspiring me with the most terrible apprehensions; my mistress soon eased me of my doubts, by ordering me one day to

put on some very genteel cloaths, which she had presented me with, intimating at the same time she had so great a respect for my good qualities, that I should not continue any longer as her servant, but enjoy the same freedom in common with herself; when in the midst of these endearing expressions, a young gentleman was introduced to our company, whom she desired I would amuse by my conversation till her return, as she had some business of consequence to execute, which occasioned so sudden a departure.

I soon observed the inclinations of my companion, who began to exhibit several very evident signs of his great desire to be intimately acquainted with me, and on my giving him a repulse redoubled his attempts, when now finding all the efforts I could use were quite ineffectual, I at length yielded myself a conquest; and being thus initiated into the maxims of the house, was presented to the sisterhood, and enrolled amidst the number of these chosen vessels; where I most wretchedly inverted every good qualification which I had been before possessed of, and in a short time laid aside that sensibility of shame which I had once entertained, and  
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now gloried in the commission of wickedness as much as I had formerly abhorred it: My mind was soon divested of each honest principle, to make room for those of the most degenerate kind, and in this manner I consumed my time, exposed to the inclinations of every one that my good mistress should think proper to recommend. I believe, sir, I have no occasion to enumerate the different and unaccountable behaviour practised in houses of this kind, such as the various artifices made use of to delude the ignorant and unwary, with many other pernicious consequences which commonly are incident to those, who are unacquainted with the usual methods of our procedure; in short we are the most formidable body politick of the creation, whose constitutional maxims are principally establish'd on the efficacy of deceit.

Under the influence of this instructive college I remained, until it met with its dissolution by the sudden death of our principal, who had presided in that honourable and lucrative office near thirty years; she had amassed a very large sum of money, which she bequeathed to her only son a captain of dragoons, who being  
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made acquainted with his mother's illness, hurried up to town, and fortunately arrived some few hours before she died; the good old lady had scarce resigned her breath when her successor immediately routed the whole seminary, and obliged them to decamp in order to procure fresh quarters at some other place, reserving to himself the possession of my person, which particular instance of his esteem I very gratefully acknowledged.

Thus this house of iniquity which had triumphed for a series of years, was by the death of a single person instantly evacuated of its inhabitants, which were now variously dispersed to seek new settlements in some other colony.

## C H A P. XVII.

*The history of Miss Firetail continued.*

I Was now in a sphere of life somewhat different from my former; since I had been first decoyed from the inn I scarce ever had the liberty of walking out, so that I was not very conversant with the usual methods of the town, but my military gentleman, to whose passions I was now obedient, carried me with him to all places of diversion, by which means I soon became acquainted with the more gay part of life, and in this manner spent my time during his residence in London; but some affairs now calling him to his regiment, I very willingly accompanied him, and at our arrival was presented to several officers of his acquaintance, from whom I received more honour and respect than I believe would have been even offered to his wife.

My captain was endued with a free and open disposition, and denied me nothing that I might wish for, yet I could not prevail on myself to love him, which gave a great allay to the many pleasures I at  
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this time enjoyed : My dislike was soon after encreased, when I became most violently fond of his lieutenant, a very handsome tho' most dishonourable young fellow, and on whose account I experienced for the first time the impulse of love ; it was not a very difficult matter for me to receive a gratification of my desires ; my behaviour soon gave him sufficient motives for an attack, when a willing compliance effected my designs, and in this manner we unsuspectedly received the enjoyment of our wishes, 'till he began to decline his visits ; which uneasiness was still more unhappily succeeded by his boasting the conquest he had made, and which did not long escape the notice of the captain, who mad with resentment on my ingratitude, very deservedly withdrew his former favour, depriving me of the many presents I had before received, and then sent me to London, that I might there subsist by what means I was able ; in vain did I implore his forgiveness of my ungenerous behaviour, his resolutions were determinate, and accordingly executed to his commands. A duel ensued on this occasion, in which the lieutenant was very much wounded ; as I was again exposed to the miseries of indigence, without having the least

least prospect of subsisting but as a common prostitute.

I could not help acknowledging the justice of my sentence, but as repining would not be of any significance in my present circumstances, I soon found out some other female academy, and being now in the very zenith of my beauty was instantly admitted a member, where I commenced an acquaintance with Sir William Cull, for which I was obliged to your valet Mr. Pimp, who was at that time his principal assistant, and employed by him solely for the procurement of every young girl that appeared remarkably handsome: He carried with him a catalogue of their names and residence, which being communicated to his master, facilitated without any farther trouble his introduction to their company.

I was now once again taken into high life, appeared more splendidly than ever, the knight not sparing any cost to gratify my desires; I had my gilt chariot and servants, frequented the most fashionable diversions of the town, and often was a party with several very eminent ladies of distinction in their secret transactions, whose

whose names, altho' at this time they dis-  
own my acquaintance, I must beg leave  
to conceal: Sir William was so ena-  
moured of my person, that he attached him-  
self entirely to my company, and did not,  
as was his common maxim, distribute his  
favours to a variety of females, by which  
means Mr. Pimp was eased of his usual  
employ in searching out the most persona-  
ble ladies of the town, as his master was  
at this time so devotedly consigned to one  
only.

Notwithstanding I received from the  
bounty of my gallant whatever I might  
desire, yet even now I could not help be-  
having myself ungenerous, by condescend-  
ing to the sollicitation of many others who  
might have any tempting excellency to re-  
commend them; so abandoned was I to  
all the ties of gratitude, that I considered  
the many great and continual favours I  
received as mere debts of obligation, and  
in requital for his good offices betrayed the  
fidelity he reposed in me, occasioned him  
to sell his whole estate, and in a very little  
time reduced him to mere want; nor was  
it otherwise with myself, who did not  
long possess the spoils I had stript him of,  
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which still were exchanged for the obtainment of the many extravagancies I pursued.

According to my former method I now had recourse once more to some publick receptacle, where I was not long conversant when I had my ears saluted by the well known voice of Pimp, who after his usual practice was in search of some new female ; he had fortunately met with another master one Mr. Dupe, who was as much devoted to discoveries of this kind, as Sir William formerly had been, and by whom it is not to be wonder'd, that the valet was at this time held in the greatest estimation : I soon solicited his interest in recommending me to his new master, but the many entreaties I could use were not of the least effect ; he very justly observed, that I was of so dangerous a nature, he could not be at all persuaded to make a second tryal of my behaviour ; besides, as I had been the occasion of his late master's ruin, and by that means render'd him destitute of a service, he should act most inconsistently absurd, if he once again hazarded the loss of his present happy situation, by my introduction to Mr. Dupe ; nevertheless as I had often favoured him  
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with some presents of money, he would be the cause of my acquaintance with a very rich gentleman, from whom I might extract whatever I was able, as it would not endanger the continuancy of his present employ.

I received this last information with great thankfulness, and was soon convinced of his sincerity in serving me, when he introduced to my company this new intended associate, who shewed such evident signs of his great approbation, that at our first interview he presented me with a fifty pound bank note, and in a few days had very elegant appartments provided for my reception; thus I once again had an opportunity of living more agreeable and satisfactory than many others, who were involved in the same unhappy way of life with myself.

The person with whom I now resided was no other than a young Jew, who had just taken possession of a very large fortune, and being ignorant how to expend it in a manner sufficiently expeditious, thought on no way so proper as the admission of some lady of pleasure, who might partake of what his father had with such

such great pains and dishonest practices been collecting: I was not deficient in my assistance to consume his patrimony; but so inconsiderate was my behaviour, that altho' I had before experienced the bad consequences of my not saving any thing out of the many presents I received, yet I still continued my usual extravagancy, and was guilty of as much folly in the dissipation of my effects, as the giver shewed his stupidity in presenting them.





## C H A P. XVIII.

*In which Miss Firetail finishes the history of her adventures; when our hero makes a visit to his guardian for the resignation of his trust, and is not very acceptably entertained.*

I Continued with this Israelite till I had very near exhausted his whole substance; he had now but a little part of his fortune left, when his eyes were at length opened, and he could discern that he had been acting most absurdly for some time, when he had the resolution instantly to discharge me, and applied himself to the employ of his father, who was an exchange broker, and I am informed he is as avaricious at the present, as he was formerly profuse. This unexpected accident made a great change in my affairs, and renewed my common expedient; since which time I have never had the opportunity of meeting with any wealthy gentleman, but have occasionally been supported by a great number of those, who are placed in a more humble  
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sphere of life: I attached myself one while to a player, merely for the sake of sometimes obtaining an order to the play, and I remember was once taken notice of by a poet, who did not fail of extolling my beauty by a succession of odes; but as he was not endued with money as well as rhyming, I did not long admit him to my company.

Being thus the unhappy purchase of every one that offered, I resolved to attempt some stratagem for my delivery from such a life as I had been long accustomed to; and getting together what money I was able paid a visit to the university of Oxford, under the character of being heiress to a very great fortune, where I had the honour of commencing your acquaintance; the many schemes I there used by my frequenting chappel, and externally behaving modest, might I believe have succeeded to my desires, had I not some little time after you left college been casually known to a gentleman from London, which occasioned my sudden departure to town, where I have continued ever since in my usual melancholly track, and this evening accosted you in the Park,  
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not in the least imagining I should meet with one, to whom I had the pleasure of being so well known : Thus, sir, I have ingenuously given you a recital of my unhappy life, which has been productive of such wickedness and debauchery, that as I consider myself a member of the community inevitably lost, I do not trouble myself a great deal with reflections, and being rendered quite an alien to the motives of shame, unconcernedly pursue my disgraceful occupation.

Miss Firetail having thus finished the account of her proceedings, prevailed greatly on the esteem of Mr. Buck, as he did not at all question the veracity of what he had heard, and now insisted on her company the whole night, which the complaisant young lady very willingly consented to ; and altho' this dismal narration of Miss Fanny's life might have taken off the edge of another's inclination, and have given some allay to his desires, yet it made not the least impression on our hero, who could not prevail on himself to believe, that the most abandoned ladies of her profession were in the least obnoxious to mankind, but as most necessary amuse-  
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ments for many very considerable and important reasons: This notion he implicitly followed, and pursued every extravagancy of that kind, mingled with the usual behaviour of his brethren the Bloods, until the happy time arriv'd when he was to take possession of his fortune, which he had long waited for with the most earnest expectation.

Since his retreat from the university he had but once wrote to Mr. Positive, which was not to apologize for his behaviour, but to inform him that on a proper occasion he should pay him a visit for the regulating his affairs, and knowing what a violent and enraged person he had now to deal with, he desired two of his most particular intimates to accompany him in his journey, that he might appear with a more advantageous and becoming grace, when backed with such heroick and formidable companions. The triumvirate repaired accordingly to the place of rendezvous in a very splendid manner, attended by Pimp and three servants in new liveries, all which elegant appearance Mr. Buck had provided on his accession to his estate: Being arriv'd at the village where his uncle

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resided, he did not think it quite so convenient to wait on him immediately, as he was most certainly assured there would not be a wellcome reception either for himself or company, and on that account took up his abode with the parson, who was somewhat remarkable for his employ in a double capacity, being not only a preacher, but one of the principal farmers of the parish, who dedicated his time as well to the cultivation of his lands, as to the improvement of his congregation, at whose house our hero found a conveniency for the entertainment of his whole retinue.

It would be somewhat difficult even for the ingenious Hogarth to express the features of Positive on the first sight of his nephew, who now waited on him for the resignation of his trust; he remained for some few moments quite silent, when with much difficulty he brought out the reproachful expression of "you graceless dog", which was immediately followed by a torrent of the most opprobrious sentences, when Mr. Buck interposed with a very arch sneer, by observing that the lawyers waited his attendance to business; but the provoked guardian would by no means

means desist, till he had somewhat disburthened his mind by repeating a large catalogue of our hero's misdemeanours, which were uttered with such impetuous strainings, and volubility of tongue, as had near suffocated him; whilst his nephew having his hands in his breeches pockets, very unconcernedly walked up and down the room, whistling some merry tune in concert with the harsh sounding organs of his enraged uncle; who when he had finished his invectives was somewhat more cool, and then gave a very just and satisfactory account of the receipts and payments on Mr. Buck's behalf, and having delivered up what had been committed to his charge, our hero found himself possessed of a fortune to the value of near thirty thousand pounds, which did not fail of inspiring him with the most agreeable ideas on the many enjoyments he proposed receiving by the acquisition of so large a sum. Matters being thus far agreeably regulated, there remained no impediment to the completion of his desires, but the obstinacy of Mr. Gripe, on denying him his niece, whom he guarded with as much vigilancy as he did his treasures; nevertheless as the lover was



now more fervent than ever on his being so very near the object of his passion, he was resolved to make one bold push for his obtaining by a private method, what he could not receive by any public application.



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## C H A P. XIX.

*He attempts to carry off Miss Lovely, which is attended with some very disagreeable consequences.*

FOR the accomplishment of this intended scheme many difficulties presented themselves, which appeared almost insurmountable, and as no one could ever be considered a more crafty or designing person than Mr. Pimp, this task was delivered to his great abilities: The intentions of our hero were to carry off his prize, if by any means she could escape from her uncle's house, and proceed immediately to London for the consummation of their nuptials; he was very well assured of her love, and did not doubt but she would condescend to his honourable desires, especially as he was at this time in possession of so good fortune; under these circumstances the valet took an opportunity of prevailing with one of Mr. Gripe's servants to deliver a letter to his young lady, which was very readily granted on some pecuniary acknowledgment, and as

he had before experienced the behaviour of this fellow, he was therefore very confident of his fidelity; the epistle was delivered to the fair one, who received it with the most infinite pleasure as coming from her lover, on whose account she had not at this time the liberty of stirring from her apartment, as her uncle had been unfortunately acquainted with their mutual desires, long before our hero had now publicly declared them, by his accidentally finding a letter directed to his niece, wherein Mr. Buck had described his passion with the most expressive ardour imaginable; this occasioned him to be doubly watchful of her behaviour at a time when the person of whom he was most apprehensive was so contiguous to his house.

Notwithstanding his great care Miss Lovely received the letter without the least suspicion, and having inform'd herself of the contents, which entreated her immediate escape, was in great perplexity at the impossibility that appeared in executing what she most desired, when a second information delivered by the same hand, discovered to her a very agreeable method, intimating that at a particular hour she would find a ladder at her window, next  
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the garden, and her lover there waiting for her much desired reception, who had every thing ready to convey her instantly from the village, and attendants sufficient to protect her from any opposition that might be offered; This advice was so very pleasing to her inclinations, that she was determined at all events to confide entirely in his protection; and no sooner had Mr. Gripe at the usual hour of ten well secured her chamber door, and then retreated himself to bed, than she remained quite anxious till the appointed time, when it being moon-light she perceived the garden door to open, and discerned Pimp and his master who now entered with a ladder, which with great caution, lest it might disturb the family, was reared up to the window, and soon effected the fair one's escape, who quickly descended the instrument of her delivery, and was received in the arms of her lover, when each experienced such ineffable delights, as we leave only to the supposition of our readers; their mutual happiness on this meeting had made so great an impression on their minds, that they seemed to forget how expeditiously they ought to hasten their escape, and remained as quite ignorant of the great danger they were now

subject to, till Pimp awakened them from their amorous delirium, and begged they would immediately quit the garden lest their evil genius Mr. Gripe should be an interruption to the present harmony, which occasioned Jerry to leave this dangerous situation, when he conducted Miss Lovely to the place where his attendants were now expecting his return.

The company assembled to escort the young lady, were Mr. Buck, the two gentlemen who had accompanied him from town, Pimp with three other servants, and a fellow who was hired as their guide, and who pretended to be very well acquainted with every cross road for many miles round the country; the fair one being guarded by so large a body thought herself secure from the power of her uncle, if he even was to overtake her in his pursuit; the cavalcade thus continued their march undisturbed till six in the morning, when they were surprized by an accident which put them in the greatest consternation.

Mr. Gripe was not only in continual fear lest he should be deprived of Miss Lovely, but also entertained several very  
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horrible apprehensions lest any one should ever rob him of his money, which occasioned his frequent rising in the night, that he might observe from his window, if he could descry any thieves, and getting up for that purpose just after his niece's flight, was seized with the most astonished agony, when he beheld his garden door open, and the ladder in so dangerous a position; he fearfully betook himself to the repositories of his golden collections, which he found secure, this administered some small comfort; but his unhappiness was still very great, on finding the chamber of his niece vacated of its inhabitant; the whole family was immediately summoned together, as likewise were some others in the parish, when Mr. Gripe having selected a dozen of the stoutest fellows he could find, dispatched them directly on horseback in quest of the fair fugitive, offering a very great reward if they succeeded in their enterprize, which they positively assured him of, if they ever should come to an engagement.

This body of pursuers took the grand route for London, whilst Mr. Buck's guide who pretended to be so very well acquainted with the private roads, was so much mistaken in his opinion, that he



conducted his followers quite a different way from that which he intended, when after above four hours tedious march they found themselves in a lane that opened into the very road, which they had attempted to avoid, as being more liable to a detection, and were just at this time saluted by the sudden appearance of their pursuers: A fight so unexpected did not fail of putting our hero in great commotion, when recommending Miss Lovely (who at this unlucky accident was most violently confused) to the care of the guide, he desired all his other attendants to assist him manfully in his present exigency, and riding up to the enemy, he pulled out a pistol which without the least scruple he fired amongst them, and had very near killed one on the spot, when he was instantly saluted by some smart strokes on the head, which conveyed him senseless to the ground; the two Bloods who had accompanied him in this expedition, precipitately committed themselves to flight, whilst Mr. Pimp, who had never been used to such rough sort of intrigue, thought proper to secure himself by a speedy retreat; as to the other servants tho' they fought very couragiously and discharged several of their pistols, by which

which some of the rusticks were wounded, yet finding themselves deserted by their own party, judiciously escaped in a whole skin, by trusting to the celerity of their horses heels: Our hero being thus divested of his senses as well as of his mistress, was left motionless in the common road, where he remained till those who had escaped, finding their antagonists were moved off, thought they might with security attend the person of Mr. Buck; whom they now carried to an adjacent town, and entrusted to the care of a surgeon, when his two heroick companions set out instantly for London, leaving him to the contemplation of that disaster, which he he had so unfortunately received.

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## C H A P. XX.

*He returns to London, and visits a very famous chocolate house, where in his own opinion he makes no despicable appearance.*

THE victorious country men having thus defeated their opponents, re-conducted the disconsolate miss Lovely to her uncle's house, who was in raptures at their success, but was not deficient to impart an additional aggravation to his niece, by the many severe reproaches on her ingratitude, and being apprehensive lest she might attempt a second escape through the assistance of Mr. Buck, by his making some other nightly visit to his garden, he secretly conveyed her to one of his tenant's houses at a great distance from his own, where a proper Duenna was provided to superintend her behaviour, that she might not have the liberty either of writing or receiving any letter without the knowledge of her governante, in whose wariness and fidelity her uncle had reposed the most implicit belief.

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This behaviour of Mr. Gripe in sending his niece privately away was soon communicated to our hero, who was most violently chagrined on so affecting a circumstance, and being now recovered from the bruises he had received was resolved to see him once more, and endeavour to obtain his consent by the most prevailing importunities he could use, but finding them rejected with arrogance, as his uncle was not the least impediment to his desires, he repayed the denial with the worst of sarcasms, uttered the most desperate imprecations on the authors of his unhappiness, and in this furious disposition departed for the metropolis, where by the many delightful recreations there practised, he hoped to wear off the great inquietude, which the unsuccess of this amour had imprinted in his mind.

After having very honourably discharged the debts which he had occasioned in his minority, even to the satisfaction of Mr. Fleecehim, who had so exacted on his wants, he now made his appearance in the world as a most distinguished luminary, which greatly attracted the observation of every one, who could not help admiring the

the largeness of his expences, as well as the extravagancy of his rash proceedings; midnight revels regularly succeeded each other, and great sums of money in a drunken frolick were frequently the prize of sharpers, who generally attend so favourable an expedient for the acquisition of their desires, a behaviour of this kind gave very evident prognostications he would not be long in the possession of his estate, whilst so infatuated was his way of thinking, that he considered prodigality as the true distinction of a publick spirit, bacchanalian disturbances as the glorious marks of magnanimity, and a singularity of behaviour as the most unquestionable characteristick of a discerning genius.

As he was at this Time so well accommodated with that most alluring and irresistible instrument called Money, there was not one of his companions but expressed the highest veneration for his choice, and refined abilities: His actions were always applauded as most wonderful and extraordinary, and whenever he uttered his sentiments, they were received as indisputably true; so blinded was his understanding by the specious pretences of those whom he considered as his friends, that he could not distinguish

distinguish the cunning disposition of many, who were not a little enraptured with the hopes of acquiring to themselves no small lucre from the spoils of their associate.

The first place of resort in the maxims of which he was initiated on his accession to his estate was at a very celebrated chocolate house, where the beau monde generally repair, and where he had the pleasure of meeting with his old adversary Mr. Dapper, who exhibited no small signs of a violent confusion at so disagreeable a sight, and immediately betook himself to his chariot, never daring afterwards (whilst Mr. Buck was a visiter to this improving academy) to make his appearance, as he before was accustomed to, merely for the sake of displaying the brilliancy of any effeminate ornament, with which he might think proper to recommend the delicacies of his person.

As this house is open to any gentleman who shall be pleased to honour it with their company, it is not to be supposed that the assembly generally consists of one stamp of men, but here are several degrees, blended together in one and the same society: here is the blood and the dapper, the gamester  
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and the dupe, the knave and the fool, all promiscuously convened for the gratification of each parties agreeable desires.

The blood receives a very sensible pleasure in his visits to this college, because he considers it the grand receptacle of many extraordinary personages, as being very eminently distinguished from others of the same denomination, and as it seems calculated only for the reception of the most choice and elevated genius's of the age: The fop very assiduously repairs to this egregious conventicle with a view of delighting the eyes of others with the same sensible satisfaction, that the magnificence of his dress conveys to his own; and as it is impossible for any society whatever to be devoid of some dishonest members, so the knave never fails of making his appearance at this elegant and polite mansion, to acquire a cool thousand (as it is generally termed) for the satisfying his many creditors; whilst the rich fool being overburthened with money constitutes himself a very necessary and wellcome member of this society, since perhaps by his frequent losses at cards he maintains not a very few persons, who appear at this grand and edifying convention.

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Having thus given a short sketch of the different members who generally frequent this instructive house, we shall return to the more immediate transactions of our hero, by the recital of an adventure he was engaged in, from the circumstances of which the alluring power of money is very evidently expressed.



## CHAP. XXI.

*Shewing the villainous practices which some particular wagers (that are frequently made use of) may induce many to commit.*

A Constant visiter at the chocolate house had one day challenged our adventurer to lay him a thousand pounds, that he did not name the person that should die the first of two gentlemen, who happened at this time to be both greatly indisposed : Mr. Buck was not a little surprized at the declaration of such an uncommon offer, until he was informed that wagers of that kind were very frequently made use of, this was sufficient to convince him of its great utility, since whatever was transacted in this dogmatical society was consequently esteemed in his opinion as quite uncontrovertible : This caused him very readily to acquiesce with the proposal, when the thousand pounds entirely depended on the will of fate, by the secession of him, who should first leave this transitory life ; they accordingly therefore were left to their private



private and most earnest wishes for the death of that person, on whose decease they had waged so large a sum.

If these two gentlemen ever concerned themselves with prayers (which by the bye is much to be questioned) they certainly were not deficient in their petitions, for the expeditious and quiet repose of the person, whose death would so much add to their pecuniary advantage: Certain it is that there cogitations were not a little employed in meditating on the various symptoms which attended both patients, that were at the present so dangerously disordered.

Mr. Mac Cogger (the name of the gentleman who had engaged our hero in this wager) was by birth an Irishman, who having not the good luck to inherit any estate in his own country, thought on no expedient so pleasingly requisite, as to visit the metropolis of this kingdom, where by his many very genteel and engaging accomplishments, he soon procured him a young lady in marriage with a fortune very suitable to his desires; this enabled him to appear in a very splendid manner, altho' the income which he received from his wife

wife was not by any means sufficient to defray the great expences he oftentimes incurred, which was remedied by a very dextrous method that he was a perfect master of; a most consummate knowledge in that intricate and occult part of gaming, whereby a man acquires large sums of money, and does not suffer his antagonist to perceive that he is most wretchedly outwitted. Mc Cogger pursued this maxim with great success, and was always considered amidst the gaming species as a most fortunate and happy man.

A month was now elapsed, when the person whose death Mr. Buck so much desired, was pronounced by the physicians as not capable of surviving many days longer, which did not fail of inspiring our hero with some very pleasing ideas; as on the other hand it occasioned the greatest consternation in Mc Cogger, who in order to avert the dismal inconveniency that threatened him of losing the delicious sum of a thousand pounds, very artfully (sorry are we to relate it) prevailed on an assistant to the apothecary, who prepared the medicines for that gentleman, whose death he so wishfully expected, to administer a particular dose, that might dispatch him

as expeditiously as possible, lest the other who was in so dangerous a situation should depart first, and by that means be the occasion of his great loss: Mr. Glister, whose eyes were already blinded by the appearance of a hundred pound bank note, did not long scruple to receive the reward, which with great composure of countenance he folded up, and putting it in his pocket-book, very positively assured him, that this scheme should be immediately executed, concluding with a desire that he might receive another hundred at the completion of the work, which was very readily agreed to; when Mr. Glister most punctually performed his engagement, by whose charitable assistance his patient was in a few hours after delivered from the many uneasy calamities, which attend this life; and we would desire every gentleman of the medicinal profession not to imagine, that this transaction is made publick, as the least dishonourable reflection on that worthy body; but as it is our duty impartially to relate facts, we are obliged to keep up to the spirit of truth, notwithstanding how ever impertinent it may appear to some particular persons.

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Mr. Buck was soon apprized of his having lost the wager, by the information of Mc Cogger, who very sneeringly acquainted him with the survival of the person on whom he had engaged his money, and demanded according to the strict honour in gaming his payment of the same, which was instantly performed. But how often is villainy tho' transacted with the most subtil artifice discovered? The apothecary's assistant demanded two hundred pounds as an additional reward for his great services, which the other as positively refused; this occasioned him to threaten a discovery, which he hastily committed by acquainting our hero with the whole affair, which was immediately imparted to Mc Cogger; who was so intimidated by the consequences which he was apprehensive would most certainly ensue from his presumptuous and unwarrantable proceedings, that he promised to refund what he had received together with the addition of a very large sum, provided this dangerous and unhappy affair should not be divulged, to which Mr. Buck seemed willing to consent; but before he had an opportunity of waiting on him a second time, the other had considered that it was most necessarily

necessarily convenient for his interest to remove himself at a proper distance from this kingdom, lest he might experience the griping embraces of a very useful instrument called an halter, as the deserving recompence of his villainous behaviour; whilst Mr. Glister, who was now in great horrors that he had discovered his own wickedness, as well as that of his accomplice to the immediate hazard of his life, very expeditiously hastned his departure, leaving Mr. Buck to the contemplation of his being cheated of so large a sum, for the acquisition of which his opponent in gaming had been guilty of no less a crime than murder itself.

As it is the duty of every biographer to have the strictest regard to veracity, so we have preserved it hitherto in the course of these adventures, and we cannot here but observe, that altho' our hero was at this time guilty of the most absurd actions that any Blood or extravagant genius could possibly commit, yet from this accident he never could be prevailed on whilst he frequented the chocolate house to lay any sum of money on the like proposal, being assured that wagers of that kind very often occasion the most wicked and dishonest suggestions,

gestions, for altho' he gloried in the character of being a blood or jolly-fellow, yet he by no means chose to be stigmatized with the name of villain; and on that account restrained from laying wagers of the before-mentioned kind, lest they might prompt him to be guilty of some particular actions, by which he might deserve so ignominious an appellation.





## C H A P. XXII.

*Wherein a description of some very amorous and noble atchievements of the Bloods, is offered to the reader.*

**I**N a very short time after he had been so deluded by Mr. Mc Cogger, it was proposed by some of the magnanimous fraternity of Bloods, that they should make a visit to the Bath, in order to kill a few weeks, as they had not at present any opportunity of diverting themselves by a method more agreeable; this proposal was agreed to by no less a number than six of the most curious and rare personages, who were not inferior to any that we apprehend can be found amongst the numerous collection this present age so exuberantly affords: In the esteem of this choice company Mr. Buck was looked on as the most exquisite member for many very material reasons, as he was of the greatest advantage to his associates, since no one consumed his estate with such expedition or chearfulness, and if any of the society had occasion for money, our adventurer was always ready to

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advance it; by which means it is not to be wondered that he should meet with such particular veneration, since it is a very established maxim, that every one who is desirous of commendation may very easily have his humour gratified, by employing a few persons, who will very willingly attribute him perfections, provided he will not be deficient in disbursing a suitable premium for so excellent a work.

Altho' we are very well assured that to describe the adventures of this curious sextumvirate in their expedition to Bath, is an undertaking by no means so easy as many may imagine, yet lest their glorious and commendable actions might not in future be celebrated by any other author, we shall attempt to relate them, as it would not likewise be our duty in honour to the Bloods, to conceal such meritorious actions from the notice of the publick.

This body of adventurers proceeded in their journey with a proper attendance; and took up their residence the first night at a very large inn near Newbury, when a very elegant supper was procured for their excellencies, who after having copiously indulged themselves with variety of  
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good liquor, questioned one another after what manner each intended to consume the remaining part of the night, when the whole company coincided in their approbation of one single pursuit, which was to make an appointment with the female servants (of whom there were no less than six in the house, who might claim some share of beauty) for their agreeable company, when the rest of the family should be rather in a disposition for sleeping than any other amusement; as they imagined that Pimp was the most expert person to tempt these young ladies by the allurements of a proper premium, he was immediately commissioned to lay before them separately his overtures of agreement, when each of them to a woman was endued with that irresistible love of money, that they could not by any means withstand the tempting allurements of some yellow pieces, which so delighted their ocular faculties, as inspired them with the most affable condescension to the entreaties of the valet.

Each of these fair ladies was to attend their paramour on their going to bed, that they might have an opportunity of knowing the particular chambers that they



were to visit, when the other inhabitants of the house should be buried in sleep, by which means they imagined themselves secure from a discovery: Every preparation hitherto for our hero's amorous entertainment very fortunately succeeded, when how often do many accidents intervene, which destroy the most agreeable hopes, even when they are almost realized; more particularly it is oftentimes observed, that in engagements of the kind that he was at present concerned in, impediments frequently occur to the no small mortification of the disappointed parties. This happened to be the very case with Mr. Buck, whose expectation of pleasurable delights was entirely dissipated by the following most disagreeable accident.

One of the waiters, who it seems was used to carry on a nightly correspondence with that young female who had proposed to dedicate herself to the embraces of Mr. Buck, happened according to his frequent custom to pay her bedchamber a visit a few moments after her ladyship had left it, which he finding deserted, was very powerfully inspired with the most frantick and distracting ideas of jealousy; and now hearing some one in the gallery imagined it was

was no other than his mistress, which happened to be the very case, as the damsel was just at this time going to open the door of Mr. Buck's chamber, when her old gallant gave her a most violent gripe by the arm, accompanied with some very rough language for her ingratitude, threatening that he would alarm the whole house, if she did not immediately return; when our hero who had for some time remained in expectation of the fair one's arrival, hearing the expressions which were uttered at the door, very eagerly quitted his bed, but was not sufficiently expeditious in laying hold of his intended companion, who had very hastily retreated in conjunction with the waiter: This aggravating accident so chagrined his temper, that he was preparing to pursue her, when he considered that perhaps his associates were at present in possession of their ladies, and lest therefore he might interrupt their amorous intrigue, he desisted from following her, contenting himself as well as possibly he could under so afflictive a stroke: His behaviour in this point was extreamly well grounded, since the other females had for some time been engaged with their gentlemen, who would not have been very much

obliged to our hero, if he had disturbed their agreeable sensations.

On his return by a most cursed and malignant accident he mistook his chamber, and on his entering the room delivered a few dreadful imprecations on the author of his ill luck, when he was greatly amazed by hearing a very hoarse voice uttering some expressions which he could not comprehend, as they were accompanied with a most severe fit of coughing; this caused him to approach still nearer the bed, when he happened to put his hand on the person who was there reclined, which was the occasion of an immediate outcry, attended with some particular words, which were sufficient to convince him of his meeting with a female; so unexpected a discovery prompted him in his attempts to appease her by the most endearing expressions he could make use of, but they were all ineffectual, she redoubled her cries with such vehemency of sound, that the master of the inn who lay very contiguous to this present scene of action, quickly entered the apartment with a light, just as Mr. Buck was preparing to get into bed, and was not a little surprized at so extraordinary an appearance. As our hero was not  
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endued with the least sensibility of shame, he did not express any great signs of affright at the entrance of the inn-keeper, but his astonishment was very greatly raised, when he surveyed the aspect of the person he had so much endeavoured to pacify, which appeared to him a figure so horribly uncouth, that it did not repent him of the interruption he had received, and which had averted him from proceeding farther: In short this person whom he had so much carested in the dark was no other than a very ancient lady, who was on her journey to Bath, which she was preparing to visit in order to drink the waters, as she had been much disordered for a continuancy of years.

The inn-keeper was not neglectful in upbraiding Mr. Buck with his immodest behaviour, who did not much regard his observations, as he could not help indulging his laughter on the old gentlewoman, who was uttering her denunciation of vengeance against him for his attempts to ravish her, which she thanked her kind-fortune he was disappointed of, notwithstanding his lustful and inordinate desires: In this manner did they both address themselves to our hero, when the inn-keeper

hearing a great noise in the gallery hastned to observe the cause of it, and was immediately saluted with the appearance of his female servants, who on this disturbance in the house had in great disorder relinquished their gallants, and most unfortunately were at this juncture detected : As Mr. Buck was apprehensive this would certainly be the case, he followed him with great eagerness, meditating the extinction of his candle, lest he might discover the young ladies, but was not quick enough in his attempts ; however that he might not pursue them, he impeded his farther progress, by darting a very prevalent blow at his stomach, which layed him quite motionless on the floor.

Many of the family were now summoned together, as the great confusion which Mr. Buck had occasioned by his attempts on the old lady's chastity, had awakened not a very few ; neither was the mistress of the house deficient in making her appearance, followed by three waiters, who had brought with them some lights ; when no sooner did she perceive her husband prostrate on the ground without the least sign of motion, than she immediately attacked our hero, who was in a condition that  
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might have offended any modest eyes, which did not in the least hinder this amazon from inflicting a few malign scratches on his face, when by a very unerring stroke, she was likewise in her turn destined to the tacit company of her beloved spouse.

The dreadful fight was in this manner commenced, when the three waiters, that they might avenge the downfall of their mistress, without any scruple fell on Mr. Buck, and were so expeditious in saluting him with their fists, that it occasioned him to call out for assistance, which (as his organs of sound were by no means defective) soon penetrated the ears of his associates, who instantly quitted their beds, and repaired to the place of action, when his enemies were obliged to retreat in great disorder, lest they should likewise experience the same unlucky accident, which had attended their superiors.

Our adventurers no sooner found themselves victorious, when they next visited the old lady, who had experienced such an affright on the behaviour of Mr. Buck, and who still continued her outcries on the danger she was exposed to; but how still



greater were her fears encreased, when our six Bloods entered her apartment in no very decent plight, began to exhibit some very immodest behaviour, in which they did not long indulge themselves, as their lascivious proceedings were very disagreeably interrupted by the unexpected arrival of several stout fellows, who were employed in the stables, and who exercised their robust faculties with such resistless energy, that our heroes were now obliged to yield to their antagonists, not without being well disciplined for their unwarrantable transactions.

Proper care was taken for the recovery of the inn-keeper and his wife, as was the old lady eased of any farther suspicion of her chastity being in danger by the speedy retreat of her enemies to their respective beds, when they thought themselves very happy in having an opportunity of easing their limbs, which were not a little bruised by the many severe blows, which they had deservedly received.

It is not to be supposed that the master of the inn would suffer himself to be thus used without receiving a suitable acknowledgment of money, which their excellencies

cies were on the morrow obliged to produce, or undergo the judgment of the legislature, which for some particular reasons they had not the least desire to experience.

After having paid no very trifling sum for their frolicksome diversion, wherein they imagined they had so eminently signalized themselves as most glorious adventurers, they proceeded on their journey to Bath, at which exquisite place of publick resort, they hoped to render themselves more conspicuously heroick by their formidable proceedings.



## C H A P. XXIII.

*Shewing their behaviour at the Bath, together with an adventure on our hero's return to town, which with great propriety may be ranked amidst those of the most extravagant kind.*

OUR curious adventurers were not guilty of any other exploit, which they considered as great and commendable during the remainder of their journey to Bath; they were now deeply engaged in their observations on this last noble transaction, and on which they bestowed the warmest epithets of applause; when our hero thought himself the most extraordinary personage of the whole society, as he had so wonderfully inspired the old lady with such terrible apprehensions: He did not plume himself a little on his atchieving so glorious a work, which was echoed by all his companions with the most extravagant compliments, as he had been at the sole charge of defraying the expence which had been contracted by their last adventure; his associates there-fore



fore would have been very ingrateful if they had not flatter'd him a little for his cancelling so large a sum.

During the whole time in which this band of originals employed themselves at the Bath, nothing so much engaged their application, as a continual exercise of drinking, which was always finished with some extravagant exploit by way of conclusion to each jovial and midnight debauch: One of these bacchanalian revels occasioned an accident, which they had some reason to repent of, and which gave a very great allay to their mirth, as they now happened to exercise their jolly behaviour in the house of a certain great personage, who did not hesitate in causing them to experience the severest rigour of the law, for their grand and very heroick performances.

After having not a little intoxicated themselves with drinking, they one night determined to break into a house, wherein they imagined were some young ladies of pleasure, but unluckily for their honour's interest, they mistook the place of abode, and forced their way into the house of a gentleman of distinction, who was then absent  
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from the Bath, and had left his lady that was at this time far advanced in her pregnancy, and whom by their entrance they surprized in bed, to her no small terror and amazement; a sight so very agreeable to their desires soon prompted them to be guilty of still greater indecencies, till they were hindered from proceeding farther in their behaviour by the unexpected interposition of some gentlemen, who soon obliged them to leave their sportive entertainment, when they afterwards were sentenced to pay no very inconsiderable sum for so lascivious and imprudent an adventure.

This enterprize which ended in so unpleasant a catastrophe occasioned them, as soon as conveniently they were able, to hasten their speedy return to the metropolis, as being the grand rendezvous of the heroick fraternity of Bloods, whose actions of magnanimity we have already taken such great pains to communicate to our readers.

Notwithstanding our hero had been well informed by Miss Firetail how dangerous some ladies of her profession were, when they meet with any who would gratify  
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their exorbitant demands, yet he now soon attached himself to one, who was as notable in her extravagancy, as she was singular in her actions: This heroine was very agreeable to his inclinations, as no one of her sex ever affected such manly behaviour; she uttered her oaths with a most significant emphasis, would not scruple to inflict corporal punishment on any who might affront her, and expressed so great a satisfaction at a riotous proceeding, that Mr. Buck continually admitted her as a principal in his jovial expeditions; so excellent was her contrivance in forming projects of diversion, and so great her dexterity in executing them, that she was considered by a great number of the BLOODS as a very wonderful phenomenon in nature, and honoured with the most venerative respect on so meritorious an account.

The great desires of this young lady for such masculine exercises, did not proceed from the nervous contexture of her frame, neither would she attempt any fighting enterprize from a self confidence of her superior strength; the motives that actuated her behaviour were deduced solely from a natural propensity to such frolicksome diversions, and which were not a little



little augmented by her being in in a sphere of life, wherein so many opportunities of that kind offered, which she could very easily embrace without the least blemish to her reputation, as that had been long covered with such glaring colours, as were quite indelible; under the influence of this amazon, Mr. Buck with a very choice collection of the fraternity, were engaged one Sunday evening in an adventure, that was attended with some very afflictive circumstances.

Each of these excellent gentlemen having provided a female companion assembled at a house near Ludgate, (that was consecrated to the goddess of recreation) for their mutual enjoyment; the chief priestess of this mansion was an antiquated lady, who was somewhat remarkable for her great corpulency of body, and as she had for many years very religiously observed the maxims of the house, whilst her youthful bloom had procured her many votaries, she now on her advancement in years thought herself very happy in superintending the behaviour of the younger ones, who paid a most implicit obedience to her will out of reverence to that honourable function in which she was employed.

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By the direction of this lady a very splendid entertainment was provided to regale her company, who began to exhibit very sonorous demonstrations of great festivity by singing many joyous and diverting songs, which occasioned the young Delia, who had so much enhanced the inclinations of our adventurer, to propose a scheme which so agreeably suited the disposition of every one present, that it was put in immediate execution: This was nothing less than that the whole company should strip themselves naked, without the least exception to any part being concealed, and in this denudatory manner exercise their talent for dancing, from whence it was judged no small diversion would proceed: Each one of both sexes, without the least consciousness of shame, very expeditiously presented themselves in their natural dress; but one obstacle still remained to the prosecution of their designs, it was Sunday evening, and they were apprehensive they could not easily procure some musick, which impediment was soon removed by the good old matron of the house, who it seems had been taught to play on the violin; and lest this diverting project should not be carried on for  
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want of a musician, she very candidly assumed that office to herself, and that she might add a greater spirit to the present uncommon scene, she very readily acquiesced to the uniformity of the company by her appearance likewise in buff, which did not a little heighten their diversion, as her ladyship was most egregiously distinguished for her extraordinary size of body ; so unweildy a sight could not by any means avoid exercising their muscles of laughter, which did not discompose a single feature of this holy mother, who very calmly betook herself to one corner of the room, when on the impulse of her musick the whole company enjoyed themselves with dancing for some considerable time, without the least interruption to so exquisite a scene.

## CHAP.



## C H A P. XXIV.

*He is conducted with his company before a magistrate, and soon after finds himself in a most aggravating and oppressive situation.*

THIS jovial congregation had not sufficient prudence to indulge their oddity of humour with caution, lest any one should be acquainted with that pastime, which so extravagantly displayed itself on the present occasion; they rather chose to alarm the whole neighbourhood with their proceedings, and on that account expressed their happiness with so penetrative a vociferation, that the adjacent inhabitants surprized at such a cabal on so sacred an evening, applied to a constable, whose appearance with many of his auxiliaries immediately discomposed their dance, and imparted such terrible confusion to the whole company, as afforded no small diversion to these instruments of justice, who seemed greatly delighted in seizing the females so very a propos; Mr. Buck with some others of the most resolute Bloods endeavoured to make their adversaries quit the room, but were severely answered with  
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some very powerful strokes from the enemy, which soon render'd them incapable to use any farther resistance, whilst the virtuous old lady, who had been so melodiously diverting them with her musick, had the misfortune to have her violin dismembred on her own head, but that not being sufficient to damp the impetuous risings of her courage, she had her heels very decently tript up, and by the fall measured her length on the floor in no very decent posture, where she remained quite calm and undisturbed, till the others were entirely secured, who now more expeditiously endeavoured to conceal their nudity, than they had before hastened to divest themselves of their dress; when being once more in a condition for publick view, the whole company, together with the venerable matron, were conducted before a magistrate to answer their proceeding in so obscene and illicit a manner.

The justice immediately recognized the phisiognomy of each of the young ladies who had often times been honoured with their appearance before him on several former misdemeanours, they were accordingly on that account conveyed to Bridewell to be employed some considerable time at an exercise,

exercise, that would not perhaps so well suit their temper as some other diversions; whilst their old directress was the next session to experience the judgment of the court for keeping so infamous and disorderly an house; the females being thus disposed of, more lenity was shewn to the young gentlemen, whom his worship dismissed, not without inflicting a severe reprimand for their lascivious behaviour, which was followed by very salutary admonitions for the better regulation of their conduct in future.

It would be quite tedious to enumerate the many extravagant adventures of our hero in his association with the Bloods, by whom as he was esteemed a very choice and extraordinary personage, and as his proceedings were considered the most deserving of popular applause, every one was particularly studious to be a party concerned with so excellent a genius: this expensive way of living diminished greatly his estate, which was soon after entirely reduced by an accident that very frequently attend those, who are conversant in the same methods of procedure which Mr. Buck had so devotedly adhered to, than the prosecution of which he thought nothing



thing would so much indicate a judicious taste, or exhibit greater signs of an elevated soul.

In such absurd and inconsistent maxims his actions principally concentrated, when being one evening in the company of some sharpers, he administered the last finishing stroke to the consumption of his patrimony by losing whatever he was possessed of; and being thus stript of his whole fortune, found himself in a condition, that he had not ever been accustomed to, and which did not fail of creating several very gloomy ideas, that he had not before experienced: this so unexpected a change awakened him from that infatuated stupidity, which had long clouded his understanding, and very sensibly convinced him, that he had most ingloriously dissipated an estate, which it would be impossible ever to retrieve, and rendered his own character the most infamous and contemptible by his ridiculous and insignificant behaviour: these reflections prevailed greatly in his mind, and so inverted his former way of thinking, that for the first time he had now the wisdom to acknowledge the indiscretion of his behaviour, which at present he as resolutely condemned, as he sanguinely maintained it before,

before, such was the disposition of our hero on that important change of his affairs, who for some few days secreted himself from the sight of any one, being entirely consigned to his private meditations.

Pimp was soon apprized of the present unhappy circumstances, which he well knew would be likewise very disadvantageous to himself; but was not so much troubled on his being destitute of a place, as on the calamity of his master, who on many occasions had very liberally rewarded him, which raised so grateful a remembrance in his mind, that when Mr. Buck informed him he was obliged to dismiss him from his employ, the generous valet begged he would not be affronted if he offered him a small sum, which he had saved whilst in his service, as a mark of that gratitude, which he owed to so good and beneficent a master.

This proposal raised in the breast of our hero such a confusion of sentiments, that it was sometime before he had the faculty of expression, he returned him his thanks for the offer he had made, but would by no means deprive him of what he had so industriously saved; when being at this juncture

juncture scarce able to refrain from shewing  
 very evident signs of grief, as the unhap-  
 piness of the present scene, together with  
 the grateful behaviour of Pimp, did not  
 a little operate to his inward commotion,  
 he heartily dismissed the valet, who de-  
 parted not without the most sympathetick  
 disposition on his master's ill success, whose  
 affairs were at this time reduced to so un-  
 fortunate a dilemma, as he was absolutely  
 ignorant to pursue any method that might  
 extricate him from the miseries of poverty,  
 which now discovered such manifest decla-  
 rations of its approach, as assured him he  
 would certainly be exposed to the most  
 malevolent and aggravating fortune, if  
 some favourable expedient did not very  
 quickly ward off the impending stroke.





## C H A P. XXV.

*He experiences the friendship of his numerous acquaintance the Bloods in his present exigencies, and is conducted to a prison for debt.*

**I**N the midst of such a gloomy condition as Mr. Buck was at this time so materially involved, it is not to be wondered he should reflect with contrition on his late expensive and absurd behaviour; but his cogitations were not so much confined on the recollection of what was past, as they were principally employed on means for a future subsistence: his patrimony was entirely consumed, and his uncle exasperated to the highest degree: he was unacquainted with mechanism, his ambition was too great to be employed as a servant, and his behaviour in conjunction with the Bloods had so disadvantageously represented him to men of sense, that he had too great reason to believe he should be held in very little estimation by the wiser part of mankind, whose interest he could not presume to solicit on his present necessity, which he had so unhappily inflicted on himself

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by such extravagant proceedings. In this disagreeable situation he proposed first to apply to some of the fraternity, who had pretended so great a respect for his choice ability, and to whom he had very often been liberal in his presents; but there was not one that expressed their friendship by the least assistance; some pleaded an incapacity to relieve him, whilst others being apprized of the condition to which he was reduced, had ordered their servants to deny him admittance; such behaviour from those whom he had so often treated with the greatest munificence made so deep an impression on his mind, that he exclaimed in the most vehement manner against the ingratitude of mankind, whom he anathematized as the most ungenerous and deceitful of all animals whatever; and behaved with such uncommon signs of frantick distraction, that he was considered by the people of the house where he now lived in a garret, to be no other than some madman who had escaped from the custody of his keeper.

Being so well assured he never should experience any benefit from those who had once been so liberal in their profession, he was resolved to apply to Mr. Positive for his

his assistance, tho' he had no great occasion to imagine he should acquire any advantage from his request; but necessity so powerfully operating on the present exigence, occasioned him to petition his uncle for his forgiveness, which he attempted in a letter drawn up with the most cogent and persuasive arguments he could devise, but to no purpose did he endeavour to soften his resentment, he maintained his usual inflexibility, and would not advance a single farthing, tho' he so well knew to what extremities his nephew was reduced; and as a greater mortification to Mr. Buck, he bequeathed his whole fortune to a distant relation, who soon after enjoyed it by the sudden death of the donor; this was a very sensible aggravation to our hero, when he found that his uncle not only denied him his assistance when living, but had so maintained his inveteracy as to deprive him of it even at his death.

He was now convinced he had no one to confide in but providence, not a single person out of the numerous acquaintance he once maintained, whilst in opulent circumstances, knew him at the present; this had so chagrined and discomposed his temper, that he became a professed cynic, was



angry with the whole world, and declaimed against the villainy of human nature in his soliloquies with such a loud and emphatical pronounciation of each single word, that he was desired to seek some new lodging, as he greatly disturbed the family where he now resided by his continual noise and murmuring to himself: this was an additional aggravation to his disquiet, as he was afraid to walk much abroad, lest he should be seized on by the bailiffs, who had for some time very narrowly watched his motions, but as he could not remain in his present lodgings without causing a very great uneasiness to the family in general, he ventured to make his appearance one day in the publick street, having disguised himself in such a manner as he thought would screen him from a detection, but the vigilancy of those who were in quest of his person, soon discovered the unfortunate Mr. Buck, whom they instantly apprehended, and were dragging to confinement; when a young gentleman, who imagined he had before seen the physiognomy of our hero, took the liberty of asking him, if he was not once under the tuition of Dr. Partial; when Mr. Buck instantly remembered his old companion, with whom when at school he had been inviolably attached

tached by the purest ties of amicable love, which Mr. Goodfellow on his part had returned with a mutual sincerity : the friendship of each revived at this unexpected interview, the prisoner was accompanied by his friend to a spunging house, when our hero's debts being examined into, they appeared to be much larger than Mr. Goodfellow was capable of paying, who had only a small place in one of the public offices, and had not a sufficiency of discharging the least part of what Mr. Buck was indebted, who did not endeavour to procure bail, being very well assured he never should be capacitated to cancel what he owed ; he therefore very contentedly resigned himself to prison, where Mr. Goodfellow allowed him half of what he himself received from the benefit of his place for his maintenance under confinement; which Mr. Buck refused accepting for some considerable time, till the earnest persuasion of his friend, together with his prevailing necessity, obliged him to embrace the uncommon offer of so generous a benefactor.

## C H A P. XXVI.

*A very curious and learned epistle communicated by him, during his confinement, to his friend Mr. Goodfellow.*

**A**S he was now in a place the most proper of any for meditative contemplation, he assumed the gravity of a philosopher, and behaved with the greatest serenity and composure in his present situation; his friend had provided him some of the classical authors for his amusement, which he took great pleasure in reviving; and in the many vacant hours which he here found, employ'd himself in the composition of a very learned epistle, which he communicated to Mr. Goodfellow; as this letter was wrote at a time when Mr. Buck had so experimentally been acquainted with the changes of life, and was in a very proper humour to exhibit a dissertation on some particular incidents, which he had been engaged in, we think proper to offer it to the reader, as it is taken verbatim from the original manuscript.

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Dear Goodfellow,

**M**Y present condition, so very opposite to my former method of proceeding, naturally leads me to the contemplation of many circumstances, which I have observed during that short space of life, in which I have been conversant, wherein I have so much experienced the dishonourable behaviour of mankind in general, as well as the just consequences that have attended my own actions in particular; and I now do myself the pleasure of communicating to the only true friend which I have met with, my humble sentiments on some general practices of human nature:

When I consider the vicissitudes of life, and meditate on the uncertainty of worldly grandeur, I cannot help admiring those strong and mighty efforts which are used by us the general part of mankind, towards the acquisition of what is too often attended with the most unhappy consequences: We study on stratagems, we execute them with resolution, we build our most pleasing hope on their success, we pamper our mind with the most delusive ideas,

but to what attainment? to involve ourselves in agony and despair, to become our own executioners, and to be glad to secede from life to shun what we once so sanguinely pursued; yet altho' so many casualties exemplify the short duration of what we so ardently desire, our mind is so preposterously excecated by the lovely appearance of human pageantry, so devoted to the false brilliancy of its pomp, that we ingloriously (maugre the most rational and uncontrovertible admonitions) study to be miserable: The imperious man who is so much honoured with lofty and high sounding titles, leaves this stage of life, but how? *Humanæ majestatis exemplum!* The man of avarice is no less an emblem of the inefficacy of his golden collections, with heaviness of heart he is at length convinced, that his maxims of avarice are founded on inutility, and that if he would have procured to himself an established peace of mind, he should have acted quite reverse to what his sordid passions prompted him to pursue: we shall find it impossible to meet with any of those gratifications we so industriously endeavour to attain, which are pure and un sullied; is there any one of them free from the stain of uneasiness to harass the possessors? does gentle ease,  
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sweet contentment, and a satisfactory bliss accompany the enjoyers? Yet are we so infatuated to cherish our malady, and encrease our pain, each day gives an augmentation to our unhappiness, we still hourly degenerate, and in this wretched condition drag the chain of infelicity, even to our secession from the world, unless the power of reason should remove that thick mist which so obscures the luminaries of our understanding, and for once replace us in the way of rectitude: this, my dear friend, I flatter myself is my own case. I am so fully ashamed of the many irregularities I so lately committed, that if providence should ever favour me with the least part of those riches which I once possessed, they would be distributed to far better purposes than my former were employed; and I cannot here chuse but present you with a few observations on that great and influencing power, which is so apparently deduced from the prevalency of money.

Ἀργυρέαις λόγχοις μάχεσθαι καὶ πάντα κρατῆσαι.

Wouldst thou successful prove in every  
plan,

Money's the weapon that must conquer  
man.



What human breast, tho' deemed impregnable through the principles of strict honesty, may not be greatly shocked, and suffer the most violent emotions, when attached by the enticements of money? the greatness of the temptation, accompanied with our natural propensity to receive it soon, causes us to barter our faith, virtue, and every human excellency for so pernicious an exchange: Is the mind of any one puffed up by ambition? is he desirous of aggrandizing himself by many singularities which the commonalty of mankind cannot possibly enjoy? Money serves him towards the acquisition of splendid equipages, pompous titles, and gaudy dress: would he receive a gratification of his most voluptuous inclinations? how many females, tho' endued with wit, beauty, and the most engaging accomplishments, do long hesitate to prostitute themselves to the most deformed leacher for the return of some costly present? will they not admit him to revel in their charms and enjoy the luxuriancy of their persons? whilst his money has the alluring power to represent him the most beautiful and pleasing.

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*Et genus et formam regina pecunia donat.*

Undoubtedly it is much more preferable to gain a glorious than an inglorious victory; and as we are certain to conquer by the assistance of money, it will redound to our greatest applause rather to preside nobly, than merely to subdue by superior force: Would we badly exchange our possessions, we may indeed receive an enjoyment of our brutal and dishonest passions; but would we use them with discretion, we may be repayed with an honest and commendable satisfaction; and as this last will better suit the minds of those who are refined, they certainly are most deserving of the warmest encomiums; who do not misuse their power, and render into a curse, that which by providence was designed them a blessing; happy, my dear friend, had I now been, if my riches had not been employed for the mere indulgence of my sensual and inconsiderate desires; and I have great reason to imagine that if I had acted conformable to the admonition of a certain Greek author, I had not blindly adhered to such practices, as I could not prevail on myself to believe wrong, *Αγρον-*

vos ἔσο κατὰ νῦν συγγενὴς γὰρ τῇ ἀληθινῇ θανά-  
 τῃ ὁ περὶ τῆς τοῦ ὕπνου, let your mind be vi-  
 gilant, for the sleepiness of the mind is  
 greatly similar to real death.

As the intellectual faculties are without  
 comparison the most valuable as well as  
 the most delightful with which human na-  
 ture is ennobled, so we find them the most  
 abused and disregarded : the passions of  
 man are in so great a number, as to lull  
 asleep the mind, and take off that edge of  
 vigilancy with which it ought to be en-  
 dued : thus they acquire the ascendancy,  
 and fix the senses in a state of sopiferous  
 ease, then how diversly opposite is each  
 sentiment to light ? how glaringly absurd  
 and inconsistent is each proceeding ? whilst  
 the mind is so inactively possessed not using  
 the least efforts to impede the progress of its  
 vaunting adversaries ? what condition can be  
 more miserable ? what situation so melancholy  
 wretched as that of one, whose mind is so  
 unhappily confused ? we prefer the most  
 disadvantageous ill to the most interesting  
 good, preposterously exchange our choicest  
 treasure for the most abject vileness, acting  
 quite reverse to the sentiments of a cele-  
 brated author, who in a wish thus expresses  
 himself,



himself, *Mentem sanam quam lucrum & honores recipere mavolo* : No greater curse was so highly looked on by the antients as the mind of man so wretchedly mistaken, to have his senses so clouded as not to distinguish that his sentiments deviated from just principles, or his actions from error : *Lycurgus*, in an invective speech against *Leocrates*, thus declaims :

Ὅταν γὰρ ὀργῇ αἰμόνῳ βλάβη τινα  
 Τῷ τὸ πρῶτον ἐξαφαιρεῖται φρενῶν  
 Τὸν νῦν τὸν ἐσθλοῦ εἰς τε τὴν χεῖρ τρέπει  
 Γνώρην ἢ εἶδη μεθεῖν ὧν ἁμαρτάνει.

When God inflicts a dreadful curse on  
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Bad and confus'd ideas round him throng,  
 He inverts the order of his mental plan,  
 And makes him not distinguish right  
 from wrong.

If I had manfully withstood those primary attacks which so strongly attempted to obscure the vigilancy of my rational faculties, I should not have so much impeached my judgment by the commission of such extravagant proceedings, which from the inverted order of my mind I at  
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that time considered as actions the most deserving of publick honour and renown.

I cannot, my dear friend, help observing to you the carelessness that I have so evidently displayed in the choice of my acquaintance, who have so dishonestly behaved since the consumption of my estate, by a requital of ingrate performances for candid benefactions; to forget the many favours they have received, seems to settle very easy on their ungenerous minds; they accepted my beneficence with greater eagerness than they were willing to return it; how quickly is the reception of a kindness obliterated in their remembrance, who no sooner taste the sweets of what they so eagerly solicit, but are immediately forgetful of the donor? thus by a state of insensibility they would willingly prevail on themselves not to recollect and acknowledge any obligations, as if they really had never been contracted; such a behaviour from those to whom I have so often distributed my bounty, does not a little add to the many aggravating circumstances which I now experience, τί γὰρ χείρον' ἂν ἔλθῃ μὲν τοῦ ὁ φίλος πονηρός, for what can be a greater fore than a treacherous friend.

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We cannot be sufficiently cautious in the choice of our friends, to whom we so often unbofom our moft fecret thoughts, and impart the moft weighty concerns to their fidelity; we place an entire confidence in their truft, and if they are not tainted with falacious principles, how pleasing is our repository with them, and how agreeable to us their participation? but if on the contrary they abufe and impofe on our too fond belief, how feverely exeruciating is fo powerful a ftroke? Thus when we are convinced how far their actions are oppofite to their profefions, we have too great reafon to cry out with the Greek poet.

Ἐχθρὸς γὰρ μοι κείνῳ ὅμῳς αἶδω πολλήν,  
Ὅς χέτερον μὲν κεύθεα ἐνὶ φρεσὶν ἄλλο δὲ βάλλει.

That man I hate as hell's infernal gates,  
Who different words from what he thinks  
relates.

We are generally betrayed and overcome by the many pretended profefions of friendship delivered to us by thofe, who would unwillingly be acquainted with what moft nearly concerns our retention; easily we



we submit to the bait, and by an impulse of honesty and good nature, look on others sentiments as consonant to our own, and because we are ourselves ingenuous, cannot easily suspect guile in others: this is the primitive cause of our credulity to the words of others; and as this is the original source of any inquietude that might happen to us by the perfidiousness of those, who violate the sacred laws of friendship; it behoves us to scrutinize with the strictest nicety the character of every one, in whom we would place our confidence, before we admit him to the knowledge of what ought not to be communicated but to the sincerest of friends, Μηδὲνὰ φίλου ποιῆ πρὶν ἂν ἐξετάσῃς πῶς κέχρηται τοῖς προτέροις φίλοις, never admit any one thy friend, before thou hast well experienced of what kind his behaviour has been to others.

We cannot go through the ordinary course of life without having a desire to embrace the friendship of some particular persons, to whom we may either discover our restlessness and anxiety, or communicate any agreeable happiness that we enjoy; 'tis in our best nature so to do, and those who are endued with the principles of hu-  
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manity cannot chuse otherwise: Friendship is the most refined and pleasing enjoyment that can be imparted to the mind, and therefore most desired by it; and when it remains inviolably chaste, how delightful are its qualities? When we lay open any perplexity to our friend, the burthen is become more easy; and when he is acquainted with our joy we entertain a second happiness, by adding pleasure to another as well as to ourselves; thus we are delighted and delight; and in this amicable situation diminish the uneasinesses, and augment joys incident to man: how greatly therefore are my spirits exhilarated in this my present confinement, since I am so happy to find one friend, that I can with such just propriety pronounce strictly honest, and who has conferred such singular and undoubted marks of the greatest sincerity on his

most obliged friend,

and humble servant,

JERRY BUCK.

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## C H A P. XXVII.

*He behaves himself with the greatest serenity in his misfortunes, and is surprized at the entrance of a new prisoner whom he very well remembers.*

**T**HIS elaborate composition of Mr. Buck's was received by his friends with infinite satisfaction, who very frequently waited on him at the prison, and administered whatever consolation he was capable of in his present circumstances, but there was not a single ray of hope for his delivery: Mr. Goodfellow had not the least reason to believe he ever should be possessed of a sufficiency for the payment of his debts; neither had our hero the smallest expectation of meeting with any one, tho' the most capable, who would relieve him in his necessity. He had already so experienced the fallacy of the world, and was so well convinced of the ingratitude of mankind in general, that he was assured he never should be released



leased from his confinement by the beneficence of any, who had professed themselves his friends; he therefore made himself as contented as possible in his present state, and diverted many a melancholy hour by the company of some particular acquaintances, which he had contracted since his entrance into this dismal habitation; not that he received them as his intimate friends, he had already been most ingratefully rewarded by many, who had declared themselves as such, which made him very cautious of believing the most solemn professions of sincerity; and occasioned him to be only conversant with some of his fellow prisoners, that by their company he might sometimes be amused, when the gloominess of his condition attempted to discompose that serenity of mind, which he had endeavoured to maintain from his first admission into this place of confinement.

The different gesture of those that were his companions in this seclude mansion, conveyed numberless ideas to his mind; one overwhelmed with the greatest despondency, would give a detail of the many sufferings which he had experienced by  
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the cruelty of his creditors, another would exhibit a continual appearance of cheerfulness and mirth, as if he was placed in a condition the most desirable of any, whilst the demeanour of some few shewed they were possessed of the most becoming fortitude and resignation, who would neither attempt to indulge themselves in any frantick merriment, nor on the other hand suffer their spirits to be depressed under the load of their misfortunes: This last method of behaviour was principally observed by our hero, who well knew that he should display his folly by using any ridiculous mirth in his present state, as he was convinced that his afflictions would rather be encreased than alleviated by repining at his condition; he therefore very judiciously endued himself with a patient submission to his malign fortune, which entirely warded off that additional uneasiness, which it otherwise would have produced.

In this manner he for some time carried himself with the greatest serenity in so unpleasant a situation, when he was one day not a little surprized at the sight of a new inhabitant, which he soon discovered to be

be that fine gentleman Mr. Dapper, whom he had some time ago so severely handled for his cowardly proceedings; the fop was no less amazed at the appearance of Mr. Buck, than our hero was astonish'd when he observed this Petit Maitre involved in the same unhappiness with himself; the great antipathy that he had formerly conceived on his mean behaviour entirely ceased, and he now took him by the hand with as great affection and cordiality, as he had before seized him by the nose with the most inveterate resentment; however, Mr. Dapper was not endued with so very a forgiving disposition as ever to entertain the least particle of friendship for one, whom he so maliciously despised; it would have given him a most inexpressive satisfaction to have derided our hero in his wretched circumstances, but he had most unhappily plunged himself in the like perplexity; this occasioned him to lose that alertness of spirits, which he otherwise would have displayed on the present scene, and as he considered it at this time very necessary to appear outwardly kind and obliging to Mr. Buck, he returned his civilities by professing a reciprocal forgetfulness of that dissention, which they had formerly maintained.

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This effeminate young gentleman had managed his affairs with such great indiscretion, as well in collecting a large quantity of trinkets manufactured in this kingdom, which he had not as yet paid for, together with a great variety of exotick gewgaws, which required an immediate payment, that he had consumed his whole fortune in the purchase of such trifling commodities; and being no longer able to support his credit, had the unhappiness one evening as he was stepping into his chariot from that chocolate-house, which we have already celebrated, to be greatly disordered by the rough and unpolite behaviour of some bailiffs, who immediately detained their prize, when not being able to satisfy his many creditors, either by giving bail, or paying them the least part of what he was indebted, his delicate person was with great security committed to prison, where for some short time he continued, till by the bounty of his uncle he was released; when he did not a little indulge himself in ridiculing Mr. Buck on his misfortunes, notwithstanding he had behaved during his confinement with all the becoming marks of sincerity. This was  
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a very sensible mortification to our hero, who would have severely repayed his opprobrious behaviour, had not Mr. Dapper very wisely communicated his satyrical remarks by letter, not daring to engage him personally with such invective expressions.



## C H A P. XXVIII.

*A most pleasing and unexpected accident delivers him from his confinement; which naturally leads to the conclusion of these adventures.*

**H**E was obliged in this manner to suffer patiently whatever ill usage might be offered him, without being able, as he formerly was accustomed, to repay it with a suitable revenge; the only comfort he received as an alleviation to such affronts, was from the converse of Mr. Goodfellow, who after his usual method attended constantly on his friend, and very chearfully continued to support him; when both of them were greatly surprized one evening by the entrance of a very agreeable person, which imparted to our hero such wondrous astonishment, on an accident so unexpected, as had almost terminated his very life.

The avaricious Mr. Gripe (as has been before observed) made use of a very proper



per expedient for securing his niece, lest she might have any farther connection with Mr. Buck, which did not at all diminish the affections of Miss Lovely, who by the death of her uncle was now delivered from that severity which she had for some time experienced; he had bequeathed her his whole fortune, which amounted to no very trifling sum, as the old gentleman's endeavours for many years past had been entirely devoted to the augmentation of his riches; notwithstanding she now found how different her present condition was in respect to her former melancholy state, the absence of her lover still remained an impediment to the completion of her happiness; she well knew that he was reduced to a very necessitous condition, but was ignorant how she might find out his place of habitation; as she had great reason to believe he was in London, she proceeded immediately to the metropolis, and was very diligent in her enquiry, by many emissaries employed for that purpose; but to her great mortification found her attempts render'd ineffectual; no one could give the least tidings of our hero. And in this unhappy situation she was preparing to leave town, when his miserable

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circumstances were accidentally made known to her by the information of Mr. Dapper, who happened to dine at the same house where Miss Lovely had been invited, and in a very oratorical manner attempted to entertain the company by a recital of the many aggravating ideas he had occasioned in the breast of a worthless fellow by name Buck, who had most scandalously reduced himself from very opulent circumstances to a confinement in a prison ; which he mentioned with the most emphatical satisfaction, and added some very egregious falsities, by intimating several heroick actions that he had exercised on the unhappy prisoner, for some dishonourable practices he had formerly committed. The top was thus proceeding in his declamatory flourishes, when he was interrupted by Miss Lovely, who had no sooner been acquainted with so momentous an affair, but she felt the most violent emotions, and was scarce able to enquire of Mr. Dapper in what place this young gentleman was confined, when she was obliged to withdraw, in order to assuage the agitation of her mind, by giving vent to her tears, as well on the miseries which her lover had sustained, as on the account

of his present situation so unexpectedly received, whereby she might be the means of obtaining his release.

When the fair one had recovered herself from that mental impulse which the information of Mr. Dapper had effected, she hastened to the prison where the sole object of her desires was at this time engaged in deep conversation with his friend Mr. Goodfellow, and being conducted to the door that opened to his apartment, she instantly presented herself to his view, without the least scruple in violating the rules of ordinary complaisance, by not making a signal as the usual prelude to admission; when our hero was so astonished on the sudden appearance of one whom he did not in the least expect, that he could scarce support himself; he at first fancied it was no other than a mere phantom, an immaterial representation of his dear Charlotte; till he was soon convinced of the delusion on receiving the fair one in his arms, when both behaved in so affectionate and pathetick a manner, that Mr. Goodfellow being the only spectator of so moving a scene, could not refrain from shedding some tears of



joy on the success of Mr. Buck; who when the great emotions on their mutual happiness were somewhat abated, received from Miss Lovely an account of her uncle's death, and the motives that induced her to visit in this manner, with many other agreeable informations; which raised his spirits to so elevated a pitch, and so greatly operated on his senses, that he could scarce recover himself from so powerful an impression.

His debts were now immediately discharged, and the cruelty of his creditors no longer subsisted to torment him, when he was once more enabled to taste the sweets of liberty by the sole beneficence of his mistress; whose company, in conjunction with Mr. Goodfellow's, he had now the pleasure of enjoying, at some new lodgings, which were not productive of such pensive meditations as his former had occasioned: That the two lovers might not at this time meet with any impediment to frustrate their nuptials, they resolved on an immediate marriage, which was celebrated within a few days after the release of our hero, agreeable to their mutual inclinations; when Mr. Goodfellow was very

very justly rewarded by a suitable annuity settled on him for his extraordinary services, and those singular marks of the most inviolable friendship which he had shewn to Mr. Buck ; who insisted that he should resign that small place which he now held at a publick office in town, and spend the residue of his life with him in the country : A very elegant equipage was next procured for our hero, when he conducted his lady to the most publick places of resort, and oftentimes had the happiness of meeting with several of his former acquaintance, whom he now treated with as much scorn and derision, as they had insulted him in his misfortunes. After some short stay in town, he set out with his family for the country, in order to take possession of Mr. Gripe's treasures, which he had the prudence to make use of in a far different manner than he had consumed his own ; he had sufficiently experienced the ill effects of his former misconduct, and was therefore more cautious in his proceedings : He was fully convinced that the behaviour of the Bloods was founded on the most absurd and inconsistent principles, and as he had been once imposed on by the knavish part of

mankind, he was not susceptible of flattery, or addicted to that fond credulity, which he had formerly discovered. He now properly made use of the gifts of providence, by rendering them instrumental to the best purposes, and from the most egregious prodigal was now rendered an ornament to society; the whole tenour of his proceedings being ever afterwards (as far as human capacity could extend) strictly compatible with the dictates of unerring reason.

Thus from the practice of some lavish plan,  
The rakish youth oft makes the better man.

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